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## Heroic Efforts To Save Port Of Calais

# ALLIES MOVING TOWARDS COAST

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**THE ALLIED ARMIES IN NORTH-EASTERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM ARE NOW MOVING SLOWLY TOWARDS THE COAST, FIGHTING OFF GERMAN ENVELOPING MOVEMENTS IN MAGNIFICENT REARGUARD ACTIONS.**

Measures to secure their safe retreat include heroic French attempts to save the port of Calais from the attack of the German armoured units from the south, and naval activities along the Belgian coast on an impressive scale.

**No attempt is made, however, to hide the gravity of the situation. The main force now occupies a zone about 25 miles wide and 55 miles deep, and is being subjected to heavy pressure from land and air.**

The main German thrust is directed towards Cassel, while the large French cities of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing are seriously threatened.

This drive is through one of the gaps created by the Belgian defection and has as its object the further splitting of the Allied armies in the North.

Part of the French troops, under General Brilloux, have apparently already been cut off, for they are reported to be forcing their way to the east.

The British troops, under General Lord Gort, are doing everything possible to secure the retreat at vital points and are reported to have established new defence positions.

Dunkirk has been rendered more secure. It has become a fortified camp, strongly organised by the French Navy, under Vice-Admiral Abrial.

At Calais, too, furious fighting is proceeding in the struggle by the Allies to maintain their last stretch of coastline intact, and by the Germans to break through, and at the end of yesterday afternoon it was officially stated that "British and French troops are still heroically resisting in several districts of Calais city."

Military quarters point out that the defection of the Belgian army deprived the British and French northern armies of half their effectives.

The position of the British and French troops is rendered critical by the German push into the gaps thus opened.—Havas.

### Heroic Struggle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The heroic struggle of the British and French forces is described in a pathetically worded war communique which also reveals that the British forces there are under the personal command of General Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F., while the French troops are commanded by General Blanchard and General Prioux.

"The British and French troops in the north are keeping up an extremely intense struggle with a heroism worthy of their traditions. For fifteen days they have been fighting isolated from the rest of our

armies by German formations which have been constantly reinforced.

### Disputing Every Inch

"Ceaselessly attacked on both flanks, east and west, they have disputed every inch of ground, sticking to their positions and counter-attacking gallantly.

"While they faced these assaults, their allied army, which was under the direct command of Leopold and was defending positions from the Scheldt to the coast north-east of Ostend, received from Leopold the order to cease fire, opening to the enemy the road to Ypres, Furnes and Dunkirk.

"Henceforth our troops under the command of Generals Blanchard and Prioux, in close co-operation with the British army under General Gort, had to face increased danger.

### Hard Fighting

"Showing unshakeable determination in these serious circumstances, they are now trying to manoeuvre their way to the coast through very hard fighting.

"The French navy is giving them powerful support by helping in defence of ports and communications.

"The French naval forces in the north are commanded by Vice-Admiral Abrial.

"On the Somme front a strong attack by our troops permitted the destruction of a bridgehead held by the enemy.

"There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

**THOUSAND PLANES A DAY!**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Detroit, To-day.

Mass production of aeroplanes far exceeding President Roosevelt's 50,000 seems possible, if a statement by a Ford Motor Company spokesman yesterday is a criterion.

He said that the Ford works could produce 1,000 planes a day within six months!

This is only one-quarter of the current daily output of motor cars, and in time, he indicated, aeroplanes might roll out of the sheds nearly as fast as the cars do now.—Havas.

### AMERICAN DOCTOR ESCAPED THROUGH H.K.

Shanghai, To-day.

Dr. M. L. Newton, 65-year-old American wanted by the local authorities for allegedly passing a forged cheque, escaped arrest by flying to London from Hong Kong, according to the United States Marshal's office here.

Newton had previously tried to join the French Foreign Legion in Indo-China.—Reuter.

### CANADIAN AIRMEN ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

A further contingent of Canadian airmen arrived in the British Isles yesterday, it is officially disclosed.—Reuter.

**WEATHER FORECAST:** — East or variable winds, light to moderate; fair to showery.



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## HISTORIC EXPLOIT BY R.A.F.

London, To-day.

An R.A.F. Bomber Squadron in France has received a message of congratulation, "Gentlemen, I thank you" from General Georges, Chief of Staff to General Weygand, for an historic exploit.

All the bridges over the Meuse near Maastricht where the Germans were making their thrust to divide the Allied forces had been blown up except one over which poured tanks and armoured units of the enemy advance stores, petrol, ammunition — everything came over that one bridge. It was heavily defended.

Anti-aircraft guns kept up a barrage of fire. Enemy fighters maintained constant patrols.

Eight attacks were made by British bombers. The river banks were shattered by high explosives, fighters were shot down in flames, anti-aircraft batteries bombed out of action.

But no direct hit was scored on the bridge.

Still advances poured over that one crossing.

At R.A.F. Squadron Headquarters, the Commanding officer made a short speech to the pilots. The bridge must be destroyed. Volunteers were wanted.

The pilots stepped forward as one man.

So they wrote their names on slips of paper and put them in a hat. Four crews were chosen. They went off without waiting.

Fighters went up as an escort and made straight for the bridge at Maastricht. The fighters took on the enemy's fighter guard, welcoming all odds to give the bombers their chance.

Facing a blizzard of enemy fire, the bombers dived low on the target. Of those four crews, one man came back, but the bridge at Maastricht was blown up.—British Wireless.

## NARVIK CAPTURED

London, To-day.

Narvik was taken by Allied troops on Tuesday night, together with two hamlets on the fjord to the east of Narvik.

The Germans admit its loss and say that it fell to British troops accompanied by warships.

Presumably, the R.A.F. also had a hand, for Tuesday night's Air Ministry communique said that several German 'planes had been destroyed here by our fighters.—Reuter.

## CONSCRIPTION CALL IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

There is a growing demand for conscription in Canada.

The Canadian Legion has requested universal conscription and immediate mobilization of men and material.

Many leading Canadian papers also call openly for conscription.—Reuter.

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# HAVAS MAN'S CLOSE SHAVE IN BOMBING OF CHUNGKING

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CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

A VIVID DESCRIPTION OF THE JAPANESE AIR RAID ON CHUNGKING, IN WHICH CASUALTIES ARE UNOFFICIALLY STATED TO HAVE BEEN 300 KILLED AND 200 INJURED, MOST OF THEM CIVILIANS, WAS GIVEN BY THE HAVAS CORRESPONDENT WHO HIMSELF MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED DEATH WHEN HIS OFFICE WAS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.

The Havas correspondent left his office earlier than usual owing to the fact that the usual radiogram emissions could not be received. Had he stayed in the office as late as usual he would have met certain death.

Reconstruction began immediately after the destruction throughout the city, as engineer corps set to their task even before the all clear had sounded, while ambulances rushed to rescue the wounded and coolies began clearing streets littered with debris.

Apparently the bombing utterly failed to demoralise the population, and only a few hours after the raid, life was going on as usual, although the bombed districts still presented a horrible picture.

Disregard for possible danger was mostly responsible for the large casualty list.

## Broke Rules

Ricksha coolies were seen lying dead with their fares, as well as many pedestrians who, instead of seeking shelter in dugouts, stayed in the open to watch.

Had the population kept to the rules announced by the authorities, it is probable the casualties would have been far less.—Havas.

Chungking, To-day.  
Chungking University was badly damaged and several students killed and injured when Japanese aircraft raided the western outskirts of China's wartime capital at noon yesterday. Valuable scientific instruments in the laboratories were destroyed.

The Central University, however, is reported to have been untouched.

Several fires were started on the outskirts but on this occasion the bombing was further away than the previous day's attack.

A second group of nine machines passed Chungking but did not drop any bombs though they were met with anti-aircraft fire. A third group of Japanese planes never came within the limits of the city.

## Pilot Wounded

The Chinese now claim that two Japanese bombers were shot down in Tuesday's raid by anti-aircraft fire.

It is stated three groups of bombers, of 36, 26 and 36 machines, respectively, as well as several scouting planes, took part in Tuesday's raid.

Hu Tso-lung, leader of a squadron of Chinese fighters, was wounded in an aerial engagement above Chungking.

## Few Fires

Most of the bombs dropped yesterday afternoon were demolition bombs, hence few fires were started.

Many unexploded duds are still awaiting removal at several places.

There is one dud immediately outside the foreign Press hostel, where all foreign correspondents are staying.

Despite the severe bombings of the past ten days, all Chinese newspapers appeared as usual this morning. It is officially announced that the casualties in the city and district were 292 killed and wounded, but the actual figures were believed to be much higher.—Reuter.

## Dean Killed

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Sun Han-pin, dean of the Fuhtan University, was killed during the Japanese air raid over Chungking on Monday when the Fuhtan University campus was demolished.

Others of the University killed were Mr. Wang Hsing-kai, a staff member, and five students, Chen Sze-cheng, Wang Mao-chuan, Wang Wen-ping, Chu Hsi-hau and Liu Cing-cheng.—Central News.

## BORROWED "PASS"

Admitting that he borrowed a pass from a Wing On coolie to enter the wharf to welcome his sister who arrived from Australia yesterday, Yeung Man, 41, accountant, was fined \$10 for trespassing in a "prohibited area" by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

Yeung was found on the Wharf yesterday with the "pass."

Lai Fuk, 42, was fined \$20 and Chan Yat, 25, coolie, was bound over and ordered to be expelled from the Colony for similar offences.

## BELLE OF VICTORIAN ERA PASSES

London, To-day.

Madame de Navarre, who as Mary Anderson was a noted actress and beauty of the Victorian era, died yesterday at the age of 80. She retired from the stage in 1889.—Reuter.

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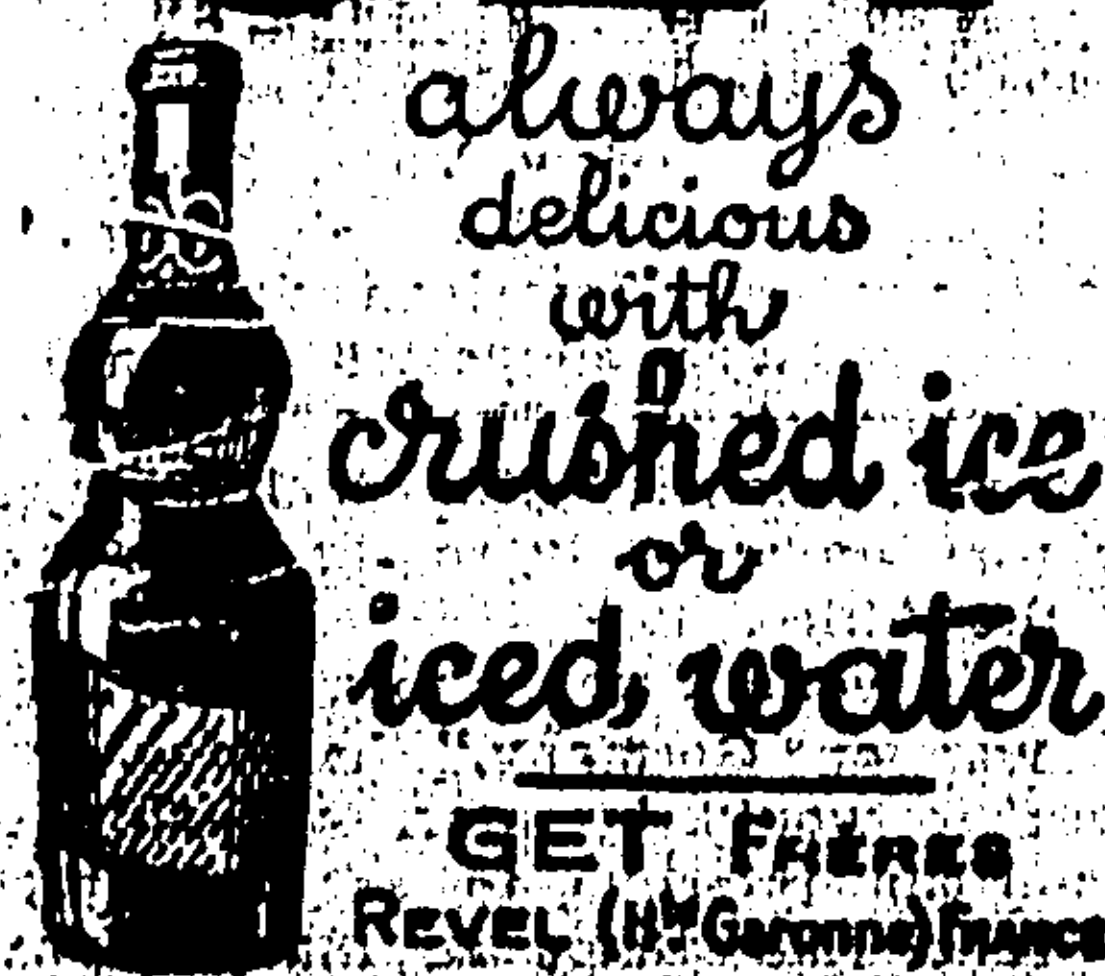
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### Permit Americans To Volunteer

New York, To-day.

**THE INFLUENTIAL "Christian Science Monitor" of Boston, in a leading article, urges the United States to "take more active steps to repel the Nazi assault," and outlines the following seven-point programme.**

1. Organise and finance refugee relief.
2. Repeal the Johnson Act (prohibiting loans to countries who have not repaid past loans).
3. Speed up the delivery of aeroplanes to the Allies.
4. Remove restrictions which prevent Americans from volunteering.
5. Encourage the chartering and building of merchant-ships to supply the Allies.
6. Permit the Allies to pay for war supplies with raw materials needed by the United States in the event of war.
7. Cease the trans-shipment of war materials via Russia and Japan.

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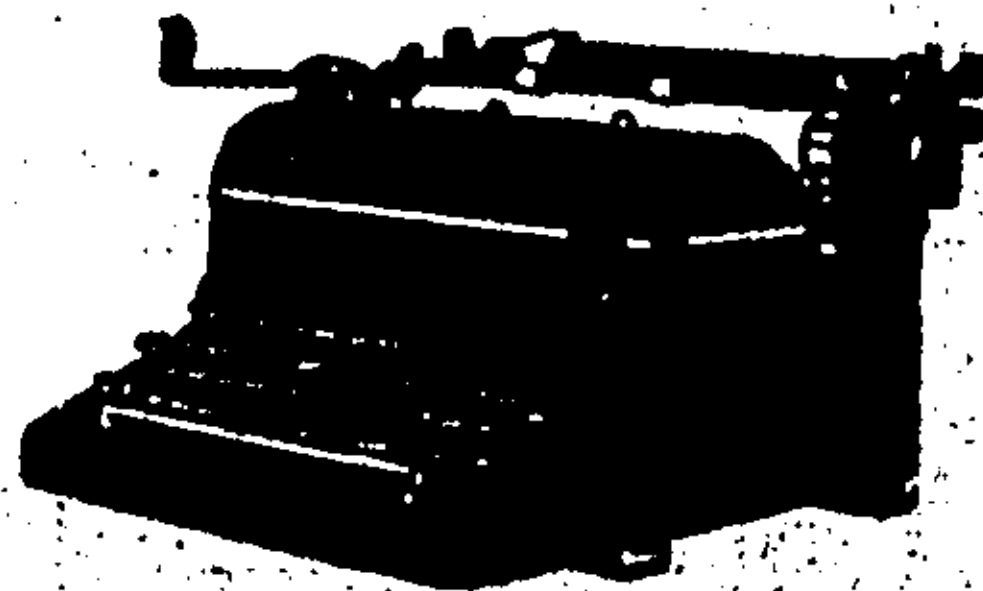
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### U.S. ACTION TO SPEED AIR DELIVERIES

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, gave a ruling yesterday calculated to speed up the delivery of American planes to the Allies.

He stated United States citizens may fly in belligerent aircraft over the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

This was previously forbidden by the Neutrality Act. Now United States pilots may fly American-made planes to the Canadian border, then re-enter the planes on the Canadian side and fly them to any designated place in the three maritime provinces, from there to be loaded in ships, or handed over to Allied pilots to be flown across the Atlantic.

Previously American pilots flew the planes to the border and Canadian pilots flew them the next lap of the journey.

The new ruling, however, does not eliminate the transfer of the title at the border where planes must be pushed, not flown, over the boundary.—Reuter.

### ULSTER RALLIES TO THE COLOURS

London, To-day.

In reply to a Commons question yesterday, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Deputy Leader of the House, stated that 10,860 volunteers from Northern Ireland had joined the British fighting services since September. No figures regarding Eire were available.—Reuter.

### LEOPOLD IN PALACE NEAR BRUSSELS

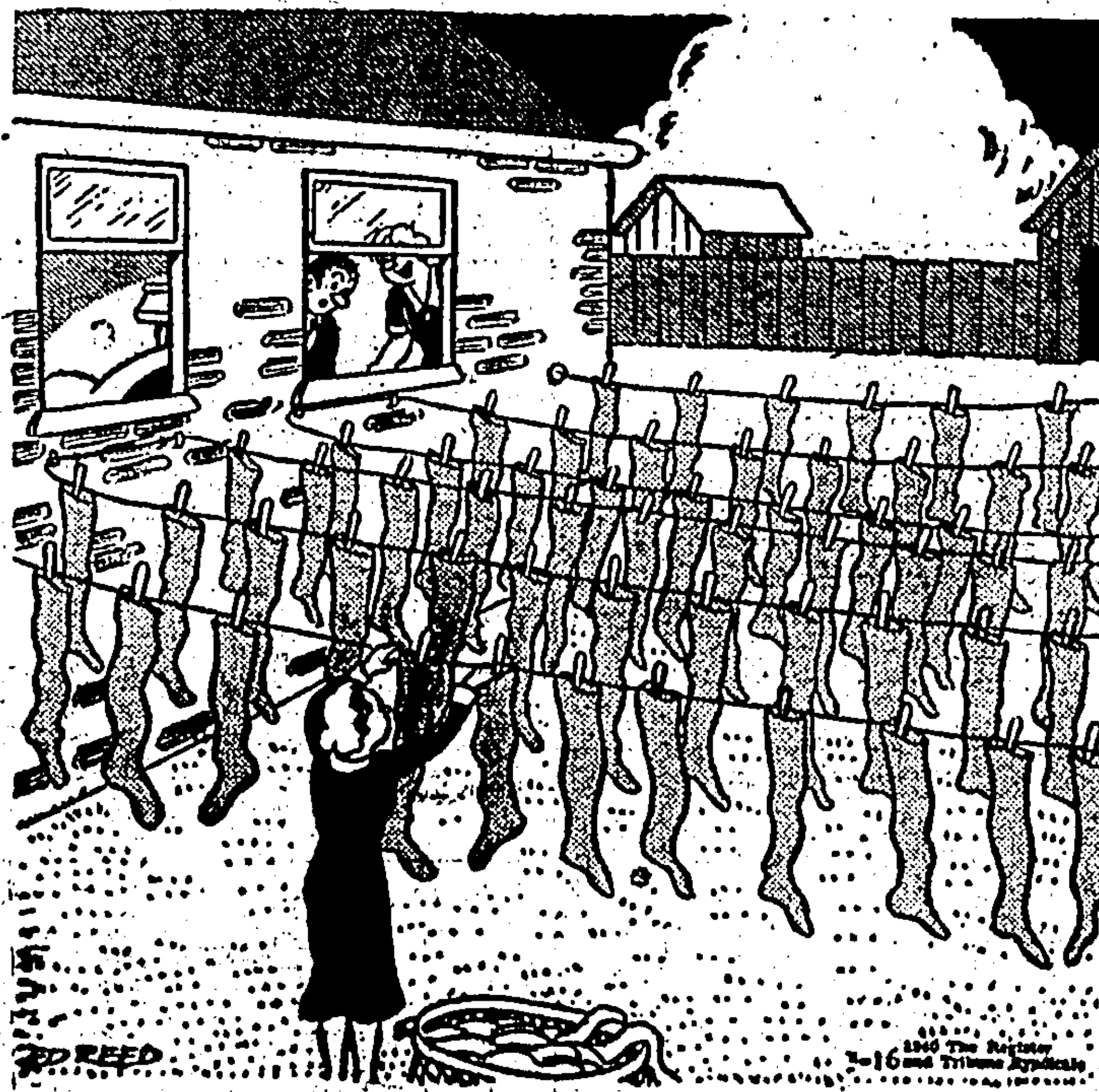
London, To-day.

Leopold has returned to his palace at Brussels, which the Germans have placed at his disposal, according to a report from the Belgian frontier.

The Rome radio announced that the Count of Flanders, brother of Leopold, was so seriously wounded that a leg had to be amputated.—Reuter.

### OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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### H.K. MONEY FOR ALLIED CAUSE

To the Editor,  
"The China Mail"

Sir,—I have read with mixed feelings the views of readers on what Hong Kong should do to help the Allied cause. Let us face facts for once. MONEY is the only logical solution. Subscription lists do not serve the best purpose.

Give somebody something and they will support whatever you have in mind, and in this connection concerts, dances, theatricals, etc. readily come to mind. These are being done already, not as often as would be desired, but they are still being used as a medium, so we need a new outlet.

As lotteries are banned, even for the cause of freedom, why not a Race Meeting in aid of the British War Organisation Fund?

The first half of the season is over, it is true, but the interest is there and, looking over a recent list of ponies, I could not help feeling that an unofficial race meeting would meet with the whole-hearted support of owners of lesser known ponies, while the Jockey Club, I assume, would be desirous of doing all they could to further the war cause. Quite a sum could be donated to the war chest as the result of an all-day race meeting of twelve events on 1st July or 5th August, both of which are Bank Holidays.

"L.S.D."

### INFLATION IN REICH

London, To-day.

Evidence accumulates that the problem of inflation in Germany is becoming an anxiety of the population generally and that every effort is being made to convert marks into real goods, like furniture and works of art likely to retain some permanent value.

Private barter is also increasing while in the "black markets" where goods are sold illicitly without ration coupons or fixed prices, 21 sterling has been paid for a pound of coffee 3/1 for a cucumber and £3 for a woman's blouse normally valued at 15/-.

The total circulation of marks in May, 1940, was 16 thousand million marks against 11,500 million in May, 1939. The value of the mark in New York has fallen by 57% since August as compared with a drop of 16% of the pound sterling.—British Wireless.

### DECLARATION OF WAR BY U.S. FRANKLY URGED

New York, To-day.

Major-General John Ryan, commander of an American division in the Great War, suggested in an interview yesterday that a thousand American planes, with their crews, be sent immediately to the assistance of the Allies.

"This would amount to a declaration of war on Germany," he declared, "but it would be more valuable to American interests to act now than to send four times as many planes six months hence."—Reuter.



## ITALIAN INTERVENTION WHEN? WHERE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Belgian Army having capitulated, Italian intervention in the European war is held to be certain and the only question is, where will the intervention occur?

The example of Italy's rapid invasion of Albania on Easter Friday last year shows that she does not hesitate to strike when she is sure of results, foreign observers declared.

Apparently Italy is ready to take action against Yugoslavia and Greece but delayed execution of the plan owing to Germany's insistence to spare Russia's feelings to avoid action by Moscow in the Balkans.

## PASSES FOR ALL AT WESTMINSTER

London, To-day.

Entry to the House of Parliament has always been guarded, but no chances are being taken and from to-day passes will be required from every M.P., officers of the House, or anyone having regular employment or business there.—Reuter.

Germany also desired to obtain war material and supplies through Italy as long as possible before dragging the latter into the war.—Havas.

## SWEDISH DEFENCE

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Government has raised the military training age limit from 45 to 46.—Reuter.

## SHARP INCREASE AIRCRAFT PRIORITY FOR BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The High Commissioner for Australia has informed Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, that the Australian Government proposes to transfer to the British Government its claim upon an important aircraft order now being completed in the United States.

Lord Beaverbrook has gratefully accepted the proposal.—Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INSTITUTE OF LONDON UNDERWRITERS ANNOUNCES SHARP INCREASES IN THE RATES OF WAR RISK INSURANCE BETWEEN VARIOUS WORLD CENTRES AND BRITISH AND FRENCH PORTS WEST AND SOUTH OF SOUTHAMPTON AND BREST.

Rates to and from the French ports concerned are now brought into line with those to British ports which themselves are also increased.

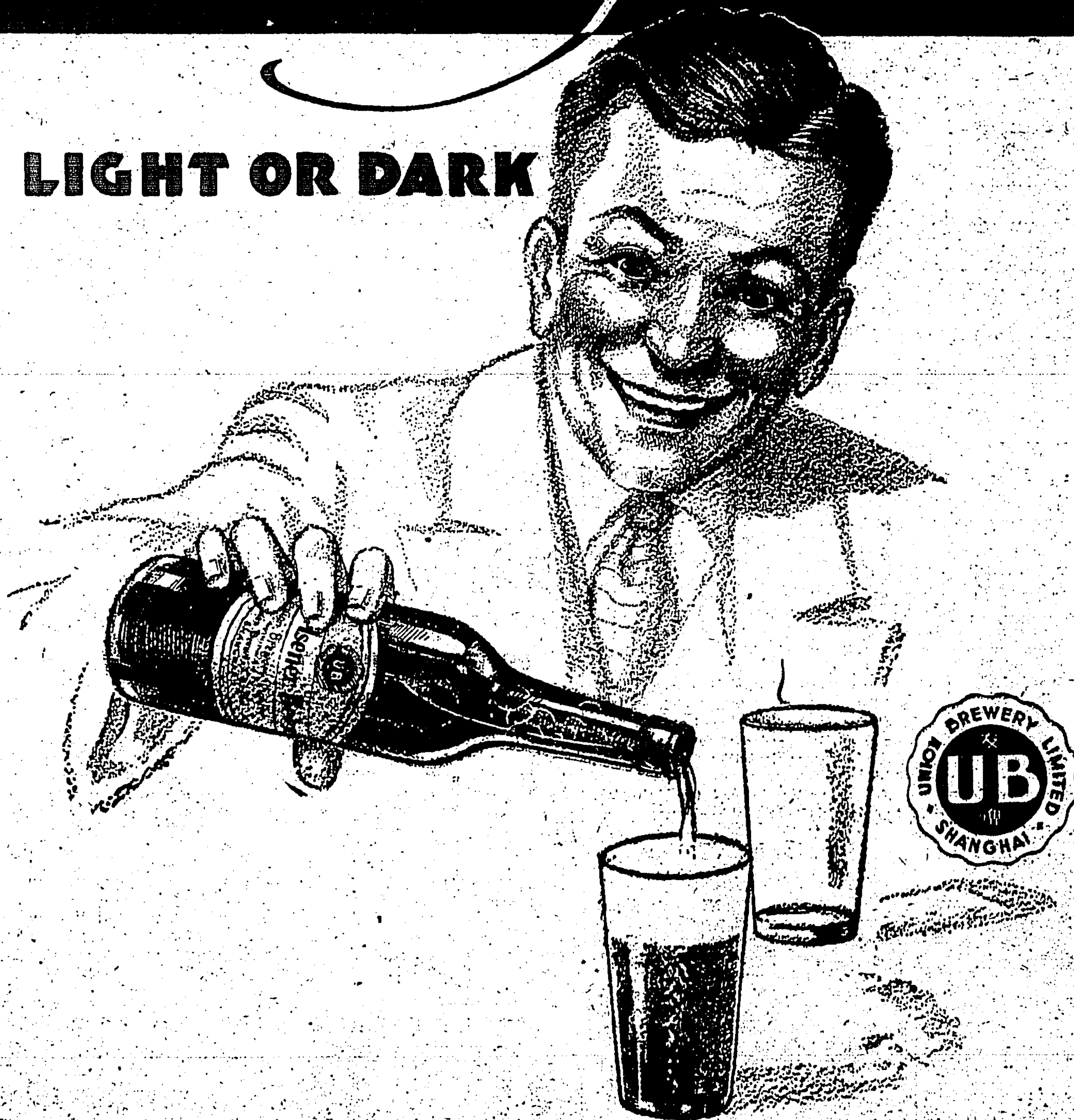
This means that in some instances French ports' rates are doubled, for example, between Brest and ports in the East and Australia a rate of 100/- per cent is being charged against 50/- formerly.—Reuter.

## BUS FATALITY

Fatally injured when he fell after jumping from a moving bus in Shanghai Street yesterday, a 35-year-old Chinese, Chan Chau-hing, died before medical assistance could be summoned.

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## KING'S MESSAGE TO B.E.F.

London, To-day.

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"All your countrymen have been following with pride and admiration the courageous resistance of the B.E.F. during the continuous fighting of the last fortnight.

"Faced by circumstances outside their control and in a position of extreme difficulty they are displaying a gallantry that has never been surpassed in the annals of the British Army.

"The hearts of every one of us at home are with you and your magnificent troops in this hour of peril."

The Commander-in-Chief replied: "The Commander-in-Chief with humble duty begs leave on behalf of all ranks of the B.E.F. to thank your Majesty for your message.

"May I assure your Majesty that the Army is doing all in its power to live up to its proud tradition and is immensely encouraged at this critical moment by the words of your Majesty's telegram."—Reuter.

# SENSATIONAL NEW LIGHT ON LEOPOLD DEFECTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

**THE INNER STORY OF LEOPOLD'S CAPITULATION TO THE GERMANS, REVEALING HIS ELEVENTH-HOUR ATTEMPTS TO FORM A "PUPPET GOVERNMENT" AND SAVE "COMPARATIVE INDEPENDENCE," AS HE HIMSELF PUT IT, WAS TOLD TO HAVAS YESTERDAY BY BELGIAN POLITICIANS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN FRANCE.**

Leopold tried to create a "puppet Cabinet" during the night of Sunday, May 26, when he got in touch, through London, with M. Pierlot, the Prime Minister, and his Foreign and Home Ministers.

These Ministers had been compelled to leave Bruges the day before. They had managed to leave their quarters just in time, for the enemy was already only four miles away.

Leopold asked one of the Ministers to sign and urgently send him documents which would empower him to form a Cabinet.

According to the Belgian Constitution the King needed the signature of only one Minister on the documents which he would then countersign to create a new Government.

### Scheme Foiled

The scheme was foiled when the Premier and his Ministers unanimously

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ly and flatly refused to sign the documents.

A few moments after receiving his Ministers' refusal, Leopold issued the order to his army to cease fire.

The final moves in the drama were not taken suddenly, as the result of military necessity. They were the climax to a long series of events through which the King persistently tried to avoid aggravation of Belgo-German relations, even after hostilities began.

### Premeditated Treachery?

At the outset of the conflict Leopold forbade his Ministers to go to France to establish personal contacts.

Upon the invasion of Belgium he refused to convene Parliament or brand the German invasion in a radio broadcast.

Even his messages to the defenders of Liege and Namur were extremely brief.

All this, taken together with his refusal to permit consultations with the French authorities to prepare Belgian evacuation signifies premeditated treachery.

Desperately trying to change Leopold's mind, the War Minister, General Denis, recalled to Leopold that the unwritten rules of warfare forbid a military capitulation in the open field.

All proved vain and the Ministers therefore left Leopold.—Havas.

### Maeterlinck Bitter

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Nice, To-day.

Strong condemnation of King Leopold was voiced yesterday by Count Maurice Maeterlinck, the famous 78-year old Belgian author.

"It is German blood which has suddenly awakened in the veins of the King, who will now be only Belgian in name," he said.

"May the Belgian Army not follow the abominable example of the King, who was for a time its King by mistake."

The name of "Judas" is not strong enough for King Leopold, if the facts are confirmed, he says. The Belgian Government, by its decision to fight on, has saved the honour of the Belgian name.—Havas.

## BUS USER COMPLAINS

Sir,—One wonders, either the driver is blind or the conductor is deaf. Very often I notice passengers, mostly females, who signal to the bus conductor to stop and instead are yelled at for giving the signal too soon or too late. I suggest that the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., should erect signal posts before every bus stop in order to avoid unnecessary trouble and to save people from walking several hundred yards back. It is also extremely dangerous to travel by bus during meal hours as drivers and conductors are hurrying to the bus terminals for their meals. Before half the persons have alighted, the bus is set in motion. When a person is unfortunate enough to get hurt, instead of receiving compensation, a fine follows!

Yours Faithfully,  
J. C. Mars.

## SOLDIER ACCUSED BY WOMAN

Lance-Corporal George Downie, of the Royal Scots, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with larceny, and common assault on a 29-year-old woman, Ko Ng.

It was alleged that defendant stole an alarm clock from No. 90, Gloucester Road, third floor, and assaulted the woman at the same time.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley asked that the case be adjourned to obtain the services of a special interpreter, complainant being deaf and dumb.

## GAOL FOR CHILD TRAFFICKING

Mr. T. J. Houston this morning imposed sentences of six months' hard labour on Ho Chuk-hing, 42, office coolie, and Li Kam, 40, married woman, who were charged with taking part in the sale of a small girl.

Inspector G. W. Moreton said that first defendant was arrested with the girl on a train travelling to Tai-po.

## DEFENCE OF AIR SAFE IN R.A.F. HANDS

London, To-day.

In a message to a public luncheon which he was unable to attend yesterday, the Secretary for Air, wrote: "In the present grave situation, I am on duty all day and I am sorry not to have the opportunity of paying tribute to the skill, gallantry and almost miraculous achievements of the officers and men of the Royal Air Force, and also to those who designed their splendid machines and no less to the workers in aircraft and aero-engine factories whose skilled workmanship gave them their strength and quality."

"We are passing through a grave hour and the attack of Germany upon Britain will test to the utmost our faith in the destiny of our country."

The letter concluded: "The defence of the air is safe in the hands of the daring young pilots and fighting crews of the R.A.F."—British Wireless.

## GERMANS NEED RESPIRE

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on the situation created by the Belgian surrender, General Duval, writing in "Journal des Debats," suggests it is probable that "the enemy will have to have some respite to replace and repair the mass of material lost in the course of the severe operations he has pursued since May 10."

General Duval adds: "It is on our defence line that we shall accomplish the first phase of the recovery by breaking the enemy's armour. Next will come the counter-offensive."—Reuter.

## BELGIAN RESOLUTION

Paris, To-day.

A resolution confirming and renewing the solidarity with the Belgian and Allied Governments was passed at a meeting of the presidents and other officials of the Belgian Senate, and Chamber here yesterday.

Numerous Belgian members of parliament attended.

The legal fate of Leopold and the legal status of Belgium will be determined by a meeting of the Belgian Parliament on Friday.—Reuter.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure continues highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan; it is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across the northern China Sea and Luzon to the Carolines.



# HIGHER TAXATION

## Warning By New Chancellor Of The Exchequer

### 100 Per Cent. E.P.D. For All Businesses

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**A WARNING OF STILL HEAVIER TAXATION WAS GIVEN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, WHO SAID THAT ALL BUSINESS WOULD BE LIABLE TO THE NEW 100 PER CENT EXCESS PROFITS TAX.**

The Chancellor said that since the Budget was introduced the whole situation had undergone a vast change, putting all previous estimates of the rate of war expenditure out of date.

**It was still impossible to give any real estimate but whatever was necessary he was sure would be willingly paid.**

Total revenue from taxes had risen from £765,000,000 in 1936/37 to £1,200,000,000 to-day, and it would be necessary to increase the burdens further in the near future.

More people were being put into employment, and civilian consumption would be strictly controlled; hence there should be more money in the hands of people which they were in a position to lend to the country.

The Chancellor was considering what would be the best shape for future War Loans.

#### No Danger To Savings

There was nothing in the new powers of the Government over persons and property which endangered money in any bank. There would be nothing that endangers savings in any way.

On the contrary, the more firmly and resolutely we joined our efforts together the safer and more valuable would our savings be.—Reuter.

#### Proposal Welcomed

All parties welcomed Sir Kingsley Wood's warning of still heavier taxation.

Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Labour), declaring the new Government was showing drive and a sense of the gravity, said the Labour Party would support heavy calls on the workers except the very poorest. He added: "We want the Chancellor

to impose upon us burdens worthy of the heroism and courage of the B.E.F."

Other members spoke in similar strain.

Lt-Col. M. R. Hely-Hutchinson (Cons) said the present burdens did not sufficiently restrict individual spending, but he feared the 100 per cent excess profits tax would lead to

extravagant capital expenditure, as in the last war.

#### Rare

Capt. H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying, said it was surely rare for heavy taxation to be welcomed so wholeheartedly.

Unnecessary capital expenditure would be difficult under the powers the Government now had to prohibit the use of materials or men.

Moreover people were now opposed to the sort of thing that happened in the last war, and it was on the people's patriotism that the Government relied.

The Finance Bill was read a second time without a division.—Reuter.

#### METROPOLITAN POLICE STRENGTHENED

London, To-day.

A large number of men in the Metropolitan Police war reserve, the special war constabulary and police pensioners who have returned to civilian life are to be recalled for service.—Reuter.

#### \$50 FINE FOR CRUELTY

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards at this morning on So Sau-ying, 26, concubine, for ill-treatment of a 12-year-old girl at No. 3, Ying Wah Terrace on Tuesday.

#### CATAPULTIST FINED

For throwing stone with intent to do damage. Liu Ping-sum, 18, was fined \$5 or 10 days, by Mr. E. Hims-worth this morning. He was seen to shoot a catapult and break a window pane in Tam Kung Road yesterday.

### MIGRATION OF CHILDREN TO AUSTRALIA

Canberra, To-day.

The Commonwealth Government has cabled the British Government offering homes in Australia for children under 12 years for the duration of the war.

General desire of Australia is co-operation in every possible way so that the lives of the children will be safeguarded.

The plan would provide for the migration of large numbers of children. Orphans would stay here permanently.—Reuter.

### NEW TAXES IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

MR. ROBERT DOUGHTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATED YESTERDAY THE ADMINISTRATION HOPED TO RAISE \$658,000,000 FOR DEFENCE BY ADDITIONAL TAXATION UNDER THE TAX BILL TO BE INTRODUCED TO-DAY.

This is a reduction on the previous estimate of \$683,000,000.

This sum, Mr. Doughton said, would be raised annually by an increase of a flat 10 per cent in the individual and corporate income tax, an increase in the petrol tax from one to 1½ cents per gallon, the cigarette tax from \$3 to \$3.50 a thousand, liquor from \$2.25 to \$3 per gallon, beer from \$5 to \$6 a barrel, a 20 per cent increase in the current transfer tax on stocks and bonds, a reduction from 40 to 30 cents in the exemption allowed for theatre admissions and other amusements and 10 per cent on excise taxes excepting cigarettes.—Reuter.

### OILFIELDS UNDER ARMY CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Government has adopted fresh measures to protect the oil-fields, which are now under military control.

Foreigners arriving by sea or by the Danube at Giurgiu (Giurgevo) and Constanza must keep at least 150 feet away from the oil-fields.

All foreigners are barred from the oil-fields themselves and those foreigners employed by the oil companies are under military control.

These measures are primarily aimed against sabotage and "Fifth Columnists."

The Rumanian Government is also drafting a decree comprising measures for the economic mobilization of the country.

Unofficial reports say that this decree would give the Minister of National Economy discretionary powers over private industry, with a view to ensuring production for home consumption, and might even include the "evacuation" of certain industries.—Havas.

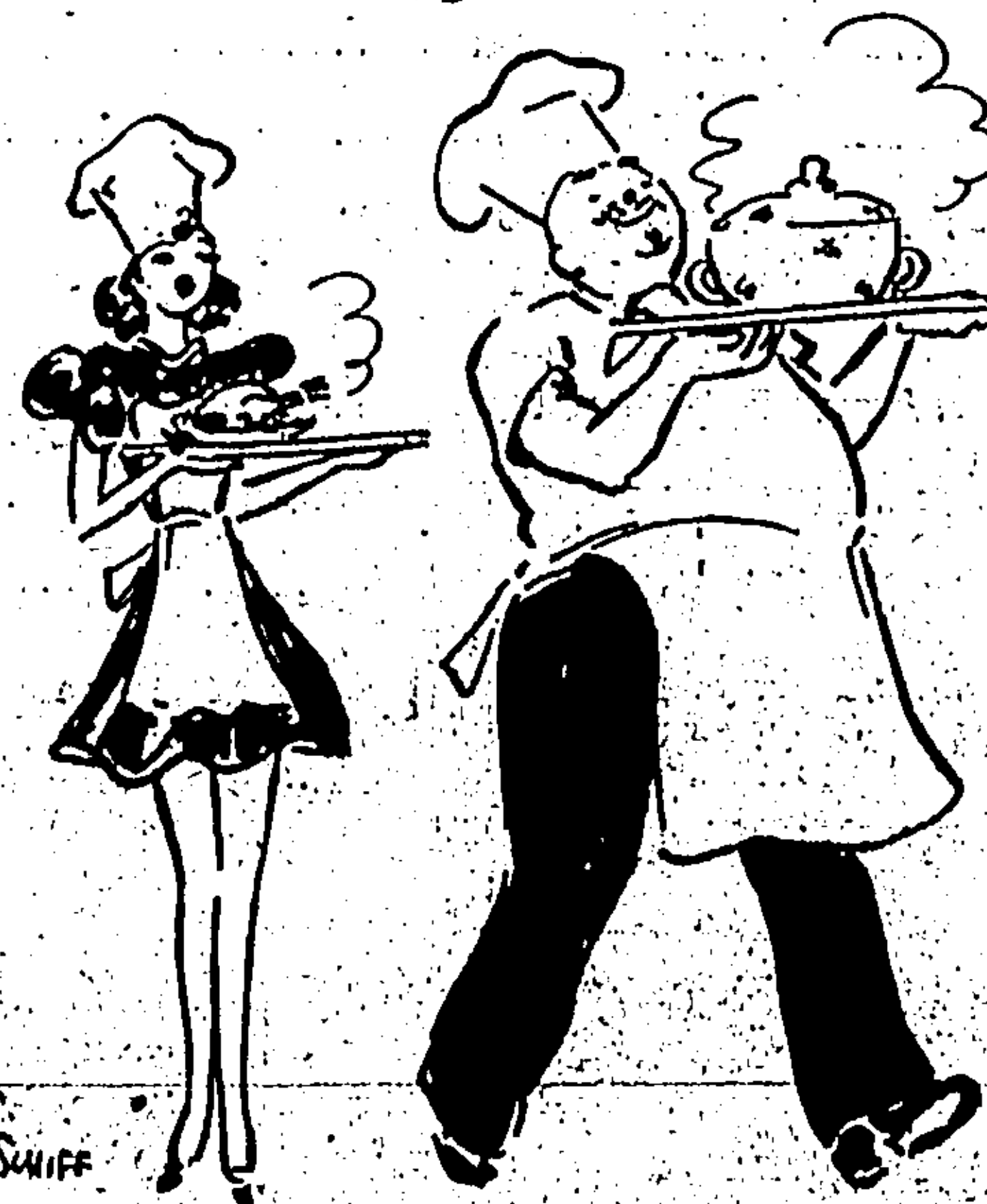
### RADIO SET FRAUD

Accused of having tricked the management of the Din Wa Radio Shop into parting with a radio set valued at \$88, and then to have sold the set for \$20, Gunner John William Dickenson, of the Royal Artillery, was bound over by Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Dickenson was also ordered to repay the \$20.

It was alleged that accused entered the shop in Nathan Road on April 22 and gave a false name when he obtained the set.

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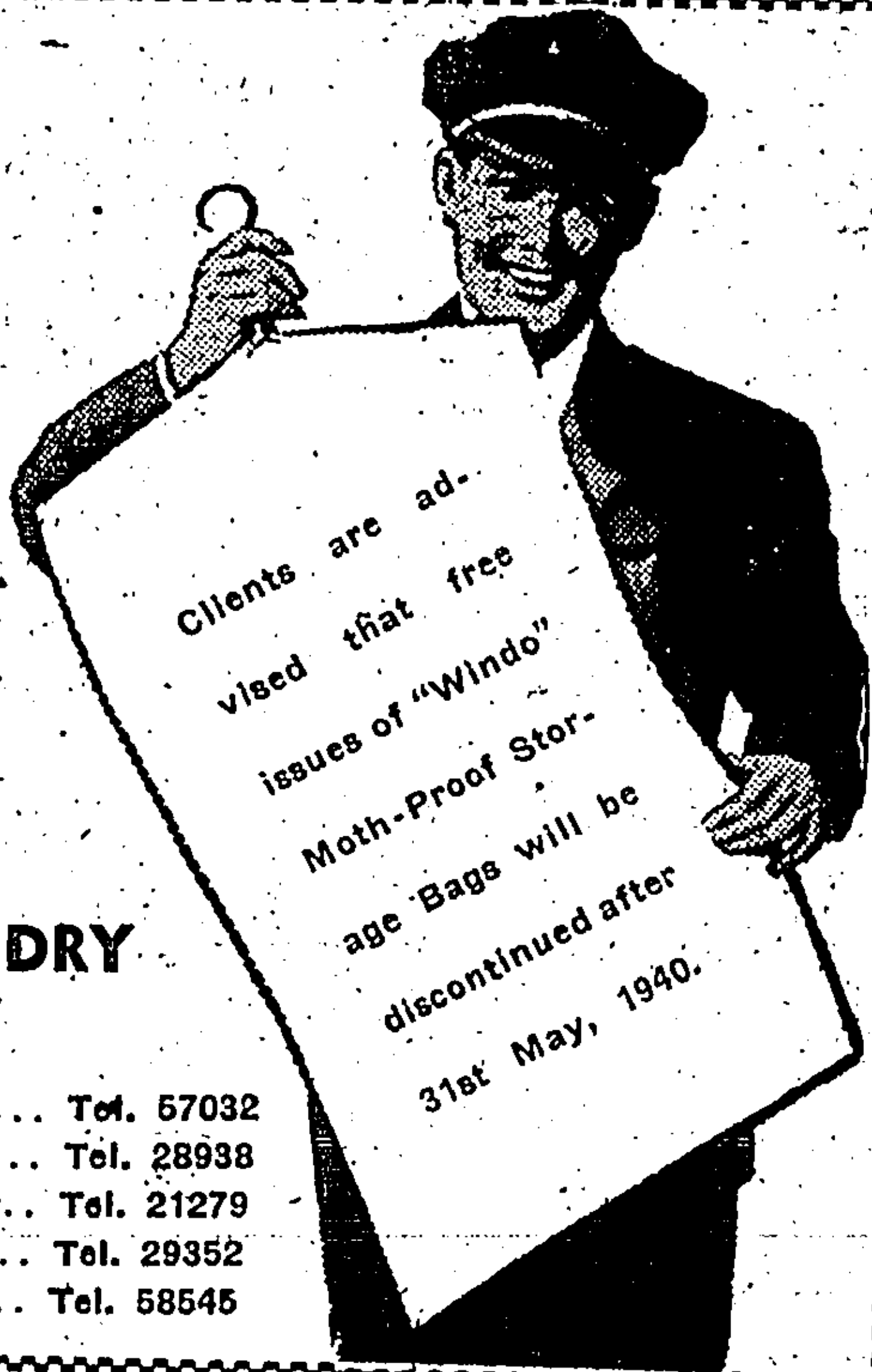
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# NEUTRALS ON THE COLLAPSE OF BELGIANS

Stockholm, To-day.

THE "TIDNINGEN" points out that even if the Allied northern army is defeated the principal contest will remain between the Germans and forces to a large extent intact and reorganised under General Weygand.

Meanwhile it is by no means certain that a successful invasion of England is possible. The Germans could land a large number of parachutists without difficulty but they would be comparatively useless unless supported by large forces of troops as in Holland.

Britain after all is an island and this fact remains unaffected to the extent alleged by German propaganda.

An invading army cannot fly over the Channel. It must land from ships, even if the advance forces go by air.

It seems probable that the Germans do not intend to occupy Britain but rather expect to blockade the country.

This is also a serious threat but it must be remembered that the British Isles have also a North Sea and west coast.

**Dangerous Situation**

Britain's situation is dangerous but one must not expect a rapid decision by an attack across the Channel.

In Geneva, the "Tribune de Geneve" says that in the double offensive against England and the new French defence line Germany will come up against resistance ten times greater, and her terrible losses incurred hitherto only give a feeble idea of the battle which lies ahead.

If the Allies this time have not repeated the Marne victory they have anyway regained the Verdun spirit.

The "National Zeitung" of Berne says that whatever happens to the northern armies the war is not by any means settled. The decisive battle is only just beginning.—Reuter.

**U.S. DEFENCE COUNCIL**

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

A NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMISSION OF SEVEN HAS BEEN FORMED TO SUPERVISE THE £250,000,000 DEFENCE PROGRAMME. THE COMMISSION WILL CONTROL INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTION, EMPLOYMENT, TRANSPORT AND PRICES, AND ONE MEMBER WILL WATCH THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS.

It begins work to-day.

The House of Representatives has decided to increase the strength of the naval air force to at least 10,000 planes and to speed up the building of warships.

The Senate has unanimously approved a bill (which now only awaits the President's signature) authorizing the army and navy to help other American nations increase their naval and military strength.—Reuter.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING IN SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, To-day.

The Municipal Council yesterday decided to adopt a daylight saving scheme by which all Municipal clocks would be put forward by one hour.

The Council had previously ascertained that the French Concession authorities would take similar measures should the 'Internationals' Settlement adopt the scheme.

The Government of Greater Shanghai also stated the scheme had its full agreement.—Reuter.

**FIGHTING A GAMBLER**

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"WE ARE DEALING WITH A FOE WHO WOULD NOT HESITATE AT A 95 PER CENT RISK IF AT THE END OF THE DAY HE COULD GET A 6 PER CENT MARGIN FOR VICTORY," SAID MR. ERNEST BROWN, SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND, YESTERDAY.

The situation in Flanders was one which every ex-serviceman could understand. Our hearts and minds are with that great force and its commander, Lord Gort, who are fighting one of the greatest battles in the whole of history.—Reuter.

The Secretary for Scotland, said that in Hitler, Britain was not dealing with a man who reckoned in military terms.

A seventy per cent casualty list was to him worth while if 30 per cent was left to gain the victory. He had no regard whatever for human life, either for those of his own people or those he fought.

**See It Through**

Referring to Mr. Ernest Bevin, his successor at the Labour Ministry, Mr. Ernest Brown said that behind him was the ordinary workman, and the organised workman in this country was solid in line with everyone else to see the struggle was carried through to a successful issue.

Mr. Brown concluded: "The civilian population must be prepared to stand all strains necessary and serve and work to the utmost. Those of us who see this through will see Hitler go the way of all other human tyrants and faith and loyalty once more established on the war-racked globe."—British Wireless.

**TANK BOARD FORMED**

London, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, said yesterday he had decided, in consultation with the War Minister, to constitute a Tank Board to consider the whole situation regarding the production and design of tanks and to advise him regarding the action required.

The Board would be asked to proceed with all expedition in dealing with this urgent and vital matter.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The supply of tanks is now under the personal direction of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, who first won his reputation as an organiser when he planned London's transport system.

His committee will review production and design and advise on the action needed. It will work at top speed.—Reuter.

**BELGIAN CONGO**

Paris, To-day.

The Governor-General of the Belgian Congo has been instructed by the Belgian Government to ignore King Leopold's capitulation.—Reuter.



# B.E.F. And French Establish A New Line HEARTENING OFFICIAL SURVEY

**LONDON, TO-DAY.**  
IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE IN LONDON THAT THE B.E.F. WITH ITS FRENCH ALLIES IN THE NORTHERN ZONE ARE FIGHTING A STIFF REARGUARD ACTION COVERING THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

It is understood they have succeeded in establishing a definite line and are putting up strong opposition. The withdrawal has been carried out with skill and courage.

In the face of terrific odds, the morale of our troops remains quite unshaken.

It is almost certain that equipment and material which may have to be abandoned will be destroyed to save it falling into enemy hands.—Reuter.

A reasonable hope was expressed in official circles in London last evening that the situation of the Northern Army so gravely compromised by the Belgian defection may yet be partly saved by measures now being taken.

It is certain that the German troops have been subjected to heavy losses and are showing definite signs of exhaustion.

## German Losses

While exaggerated optimism is not to be encouraged particularly as it is admitted that two-thirds of the ports on which the operations of the Northern Army were based are now given over to the enemy as a result of Leopold's defection, reliable information indicates that the German Air Force has lost over 2,000 planes which is about half its first-line force at the beginning of the war.

Also the Germans appear to have lost 2,000 out of 5,000 mechanised units.

## Dogged Determination

Despite their desperate position, the British and French troops have responded admirably and have done much to patch up the situation. They are fighting with dogged determination and indomitable courage, and are being magnificently covered by the Royal Air Force which is maintaining a dawn to dusk fighter patrol against German bombers attacking the Allied positions and keeping up a continuous bombardment from the air of German columns and communications.—Reuter.

## Admirable Courage

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A General Staff communique says the Allied troops in the north are resisting with admirable courage, fierce attacks by the enemy.

Reports from a reliable source state that German losses during the fighting on Tuesday and Tuesday night were particularly heavy. Along the Somme and Aisne local operations were carried out successfully.

An enemy surprise attack south-east of Chateau Porcien was repulsed. East of the Aisne there was nothing of importance to report.—Havas.

## Heroic Struggle

Paris, To-day.

A French war communique says the French and British troops who are fighting in northern France are maintaining with a heroism worthy of their traditions a struggle of exceptional intensity.

For a fortnight past they have been fighting a battle separated from the main bodies of our armies by German formations which are being constantly reinforced.—Reuter.

## Somme Operations

Paris, To-day.

Three large villages have been retaken on the Somme after lively fighting, reports the French military spokesman.

At Chateau Porcien, there was yet another German attempt to cross the Aisne, but it was repulsed without much difficulty.

Further east and on the Maginot Line, there is no change, although French artillery is violently shelling enemy lines of communication on the other side of the Rhine.—Reuter.

\*\*\* Chateau Porcien is some five miles west of Rethel; it should not be confused with Chaumont Porcien, which is about 15 miles due north of Rethel.

## B.E.F. Material

London, To-day.

It is pointed out in London military circles that while the majority of the B.E.F. personnel are fighting north of the gap made by the German advance, a large and probably larger part of its material is located south of the gap.—British Wireless.

## BALLOON BARRAGE MEN ARMED

London, To-day.

Men of the home service balloon barrage units are now being armed, stated the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in reply to a Commons question yesterday.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI AND IPOH FLIERS MISSING

London, To-day.

The latest Air Ministry casualty list of 32 names contains the name of Flying-Officer I.A.C. Peach, born of a Shanghai father in Shanghai, and Flying-Officer E. C. Ford, born in Ipoh. Both men are missing.—Reuter.

## GREAT AIR BATTLE AT DUNKIRK

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. continues to give all the support in its power to the Allied armies in north-eastern France and Belgium.

Railways, roads, bridges and enemy troops were continuously attacked on Tuesday, Tuesday night and yesterday by medium and heavy bombers.

The enemy's advance has been considerably harassed and impeded by these attacks.

On of our bombers failed to return.

Our fighters were engaged in offensive patrols over the French coast throughout yesterday.

Near Dunkirk last evening a formation of Hurricanes and Defiants engaged large forces of enemy bombers heavily escorted by fighters.

At least 22 enemy aircraft were shot down, while all our machines returned.—Reuter.



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## ENTIRE EMPIRE SUGAR CROP TO BE PURCHASED

London, To-day.

MR. ROBERT BOOTHBY, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, announced at question time in the Commons yesterday that arrangements had been completed to purchase the entire exports in the coming seasons of the sugar production of Australia, the Union of South Africa, Mauritius, Fiji and the British West Indian colonies.

Total quantity involved was about 1,750,000 tons of which the United Kingdom proportion was about 1,250,000 tons.

Arrivals of sugar in the United Kingdom would be spread over a long period beginning in about two months and would not therefore affect the immediate sugar supply.

Canada and New Zealand were partners with the United Kingdom Government in these purchases. Both the Dominions had shown the utmost co-operation, added Mr. Boothby, and the negotiations had been much facilitated by the helpful attitude of the exporting Dominions and colonies.

Supplies of foreign sugar were also purchased when necessary to supplement deficiencies from Empire sources and this policy would be continued in the future.—Reuter.

## HITLER'S MURDER PILOTS

London, To-day.

Recent information from the B.E.F. reaching informed London quarters makes it clear that neither the fighting qualities nor the spirit of the Allied forces in Belgium are in any way impaired.

The determination on the part of every member of the Allied army to inflict the maximum loss on the enemy's fighting forces is not lessened by the honest anger aroused in every man by the revolting deeds perpetrated by German airmen and tanks against women and children refugees.

Expecting both to use and have used against them the maximum power of modern warfare, the soldiers of the Allied armies hardly expected to witness applications of military power against helpless civilians in a manner which compares unfavourably with the ferocious cruelties of the wars of the Middle Ages.—British Wireless.

## FURTHER ARMS BOOST IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

Following a conference between President Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury), Mr. Harry Woodring (War Secretary) and General George Marshall (Army Chief of Staff), it is reported they are considering a supplementary defence programme for army equipment, aeroplanes and mechanisation.

The programme would add over \$600,000,000 to the preparedness expenditures already projected.

Explaining the necessity for additional defence funds, the White House spokesman stated that when President Roosevelt recently gave his defence message to Congress, entailing an \$1,182,000,000 programme, the army had not then had time fully to estimate its needs.—Reuter.

## ON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

Despite the paucity of business on the Stock Exchange yesterday, gilt-edged securities generally improved. Industrials showed some gains but many small losses were also recorded. French Government Bonds were higher while Japanese issues declined.—Reuter.

## F.B.I. AND CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

London, To-day.

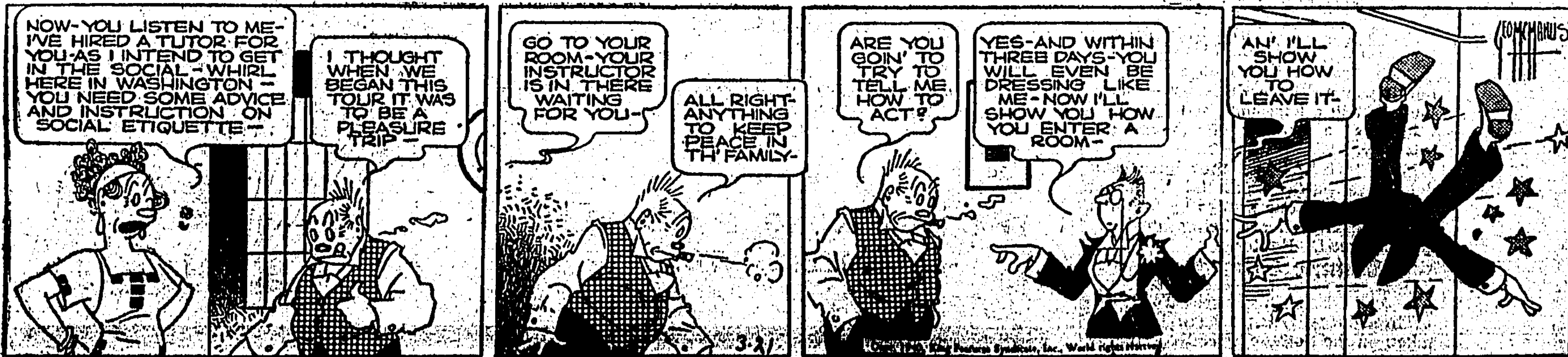
The Federation of British Industries has issued a statement that it "wholeheartedly accepts the control of industry which the danger facing the country renders necessary."

Realising that the control will raise many economic, commercial and financial problems during the war and subsequent period of reconstruction, and as a practical step to assist in the efficient functioning of industry in the national interest, the Federation is setting up a Central Committee of controlled undertakings, with its President, Lord Dudley Gordon, as chairman.

Local committees will be formed when necessary and a special department also set up by the Federation will deal with problems arising.—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





## NO SUMMER HOLIDAYS, PLEASE!

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IN THE PRESENT CRISIS EMERGENCY PRODUCTION MUST NOT BE INTERRUPTED BY HOLIDAY PERIODS, ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT A TIME WHICH ARE CUSTOMARY IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

"The Government therefore ask workers and employers to cancel all such holidays for the time being and await further guidance on the subject which will be given as soon as the situation permits.

"Every minute spent on production now is vital to the defence of the country and your homes."—Reuter.

## WANG'S FIRST ENVOY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.  
Yin Ju-keng has been designated first Ambassador of the Wang Ching-wei "government" to Japan, according to reliable quarters.

Yin was chairman of the defunct East Hopei Autonomous Government and retired from the political scene when the Peiping provisional government was established.

The nomination was approved by General Itagaki and formal notice will be issued shortly by the Nanking "government."—Havas.

## \$250 FINE ON MOTORIST

A CHINESE BANKER, KO YIK-CHIM, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING WITH FAILING TO STOP AFTER A COLLISION IN GLOUCESTER ROAD ON MAY 28.

Mr. G. S. Ford pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

Traffic Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke said that at about 11.15 p.m. on May 28, private car No. 6515 was travelling along Gloucester Road from east to west and knocked down a Chinese woman, Leung Fung-ming. The car continued on. Five people saw the accident.

Mr. Ford said that his client was not aware of the accident otherwise he would not have driven away.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

## CHENGTE ROAD ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.  
Two batches of Japanese bombers attacked the Chengte road yesterday morning a few miles west of Chungking.

As a sequel to the previous day's raid, people disappeared from the streets as soon as the first alarm sounded. The all clear went at 11.55 a.m.—Havas.

## CAINE RD. MISHAP

Leung Yee-ling, 11-year-old girl, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for injuries to her head, after she was knocked down at about 2 p.m. in Caine Road, by a car driven by Miss Vickett, of No. 2, Prat Building.

Leo Falaleff, circus performer of the Olympic Circus at Mong Kok, lost two pairs of trousers at about 10 p.m. last night. Stolen from his quarters, the pocket of one pair contained a \$5 note, according to a report made to the Police last night.

## PUPPET CURRENCY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.  
The Chinese currency question and the problem of the North China Customs administration will be discussed early next month when Chow Fu-hai, the Nanking Finance Minister, visits Peiping for parleys with the North China authorities.

Other problems expected to be discussed are those connected with the impending inauguration of the new central bank in Nanking and its relations with the Federal Reserve Bank.—Havas.

## 'WASHINGTON' ON WAY TO BORDEAUX

Paris, To-day.

The American Ambassador in Paris has given notice that the liner Washington is due at Bordeaux on June 4. It will have accommodation for about 1,500 passengers and the Ambassador urges all Americans in France who wish to go now or in the near future to take passage in this ship.—Reuter.

\*\*\* A sister-ship of the Manhattan, the Washington, is a vessel of about 25,000 tons.

## GERMAN SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR

London, To-day.

Reports from Germany indicate a shortage of skilled labour. Many women have been drafted into the heavy industries and the German newspapers carry advertisements for women drillers in the shipyards.

There is trouble over wages, and workers are imprisoned for unpunctuality.—Reuter.

## JUNK BLOWN UP IN MINEFIELD?

The Police are making investigations concerning the wreckage of a junk found floating in the mine-field in West Lamma Channel yesterday.

It is suspected that the junk had been blown up by a mine.

No bodies have yet been discovered washed ashore.

The wreckage was found by a Police Launch while on patrol in the area at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

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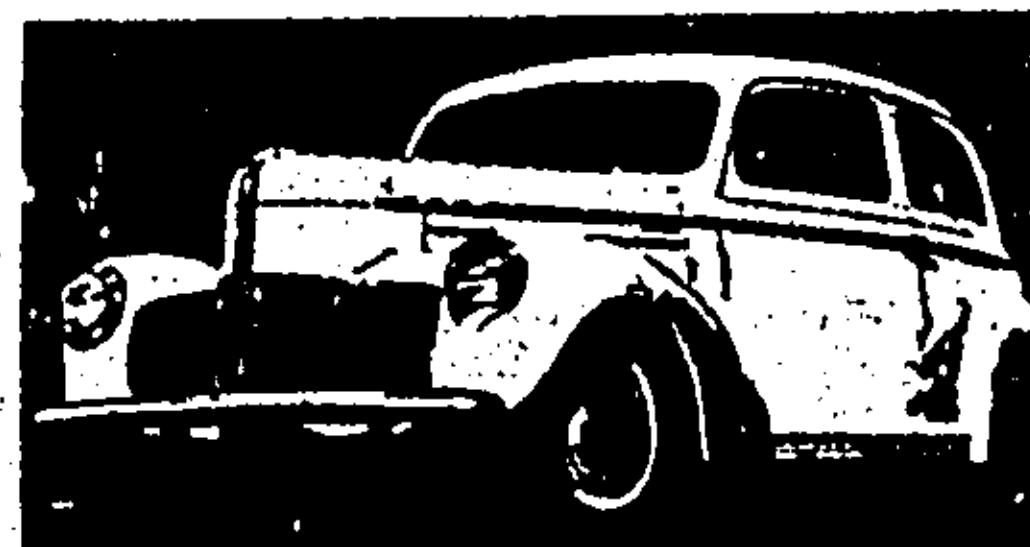
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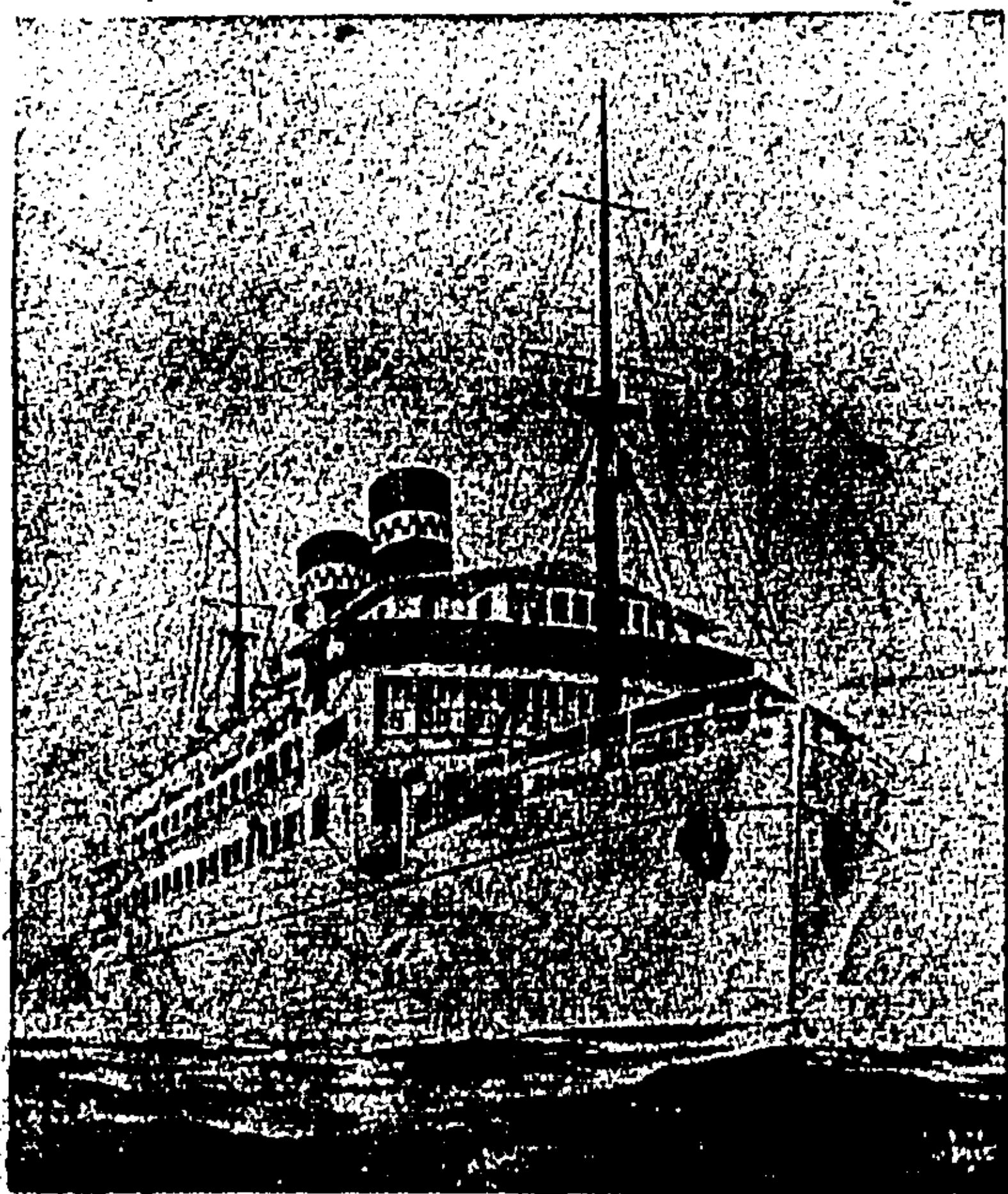
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## THOROUGHNESS OF GERMAN INTRIGUE IN HOLLAND

London, To-day.

**THE THOROUGHNESS** of the German plan for the invasion of Holland and the success of the espionage is revealed in official quarters. Advance knowledge of the defence arrangements was essential to the Germans. They were well informed.

The Dutch knew an attack was planned and held anti-parachute troops ready. On the morning of the invasion, 800 anti-parachute troops were returned from night operations. Two hours later, most of them were killed when German planes bombed the barracks.

Aerodromes were also bombed, transport planes coming over with fighters and dropping parachute troops.

These troops were dropped near three aerodromes near The Hague. Most of them were in Dutch or British uniforms and they paved the way for landings from transport planes.

Within six hours, 12,000 troops had been landed at the Vaalhaven aerodrome, which was in German hands, and was made a base for further landings from the air.

### Fifth Column

The civilian population was also approached, German bombers dropping leaflets over The Hague telling the people the city was surrounded and they must surrender.

"Fifth Columnists" helped by spreading false reports, some of which even misled the General Staff.

The part these "Fifth Columnists" played is shown by papers found on the German parachutists, including a list of Dutch and British people to be shot at sight. Some members of the British mission were on that list but had already left The Hague.

The troops were also given details of the terrain, what schools were to be used for billeting, details of the Queen's movements and her guard and a list of the vital centres of communication.

The papers also include a report of measures taken a month earlier when the invasion was expected. The parachute troops were thus able to destroy many of the important main communications in Holland.—Reuter.

### AUSTRALIAN WAR LOAN

London, To-day.

A War Loan was opened for subscription in Australia yesterday. The issue price is par and the interest 2¾% for 5 years or 3¼% for 16 years at the option of the subscriber.—British Wireless.

## CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

The Choral Group's first venture into the field of opera was a marked success when last night at King's Theatre they presented Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" before a large and appreciative audience which included the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

The singing was of high order and while the acting may have left place for some improvement, the show as a whole went very well.

Miss Chan Mei-lan in the leading role, Santuzza, sang superbly while Miss Carmen Da Silva and Mrs. G. Goddard rendered their parts exceptionally well.

Gaston d'Aquino gave the fine performance expected of him while Alec Greaves showed confidence in the difficult part of Alfio.

The Ballet Suite, presented by Mr. George Goncharoff was well received.

The show will be repeated this evening at 9.30 p.m.

## TAKING OVER A SHATTERED COUNTRY

London, To-day.

Germany has gained very little economic advantage in Belgium, it is pointed out here.

Practically no oil is left and the iron and steel industries have been wrecked and it will take a long time for them to be put in working order again.—Reuter.

### MILITARY LAW FOR SABOTAGE

Basle, To-day.

The Swiss Federal Council has extended military law to cover sabotage, espionage or those who disobey the military or civil authorities.—Reuter.

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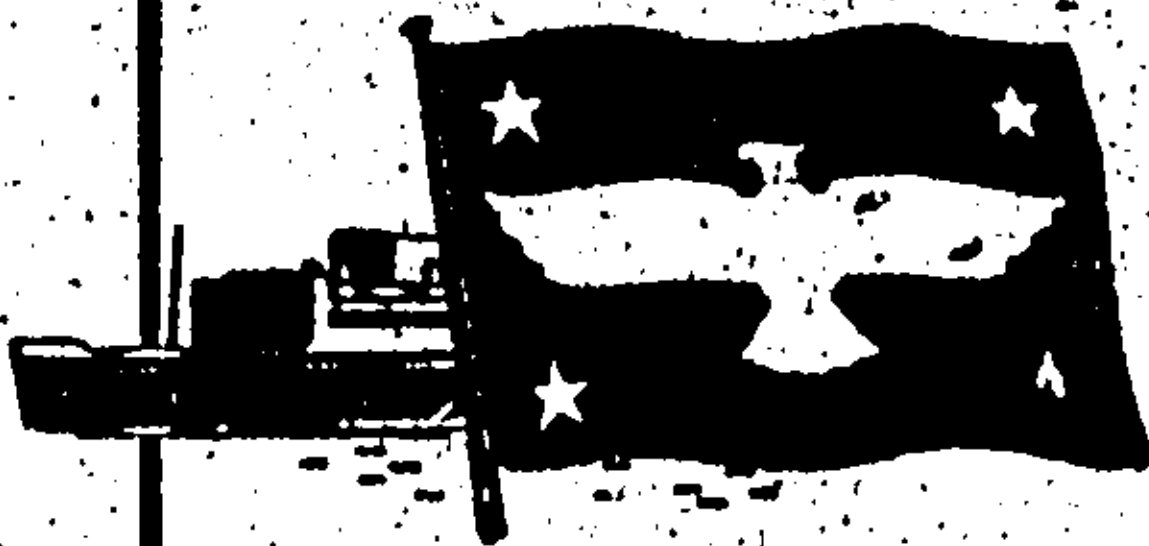
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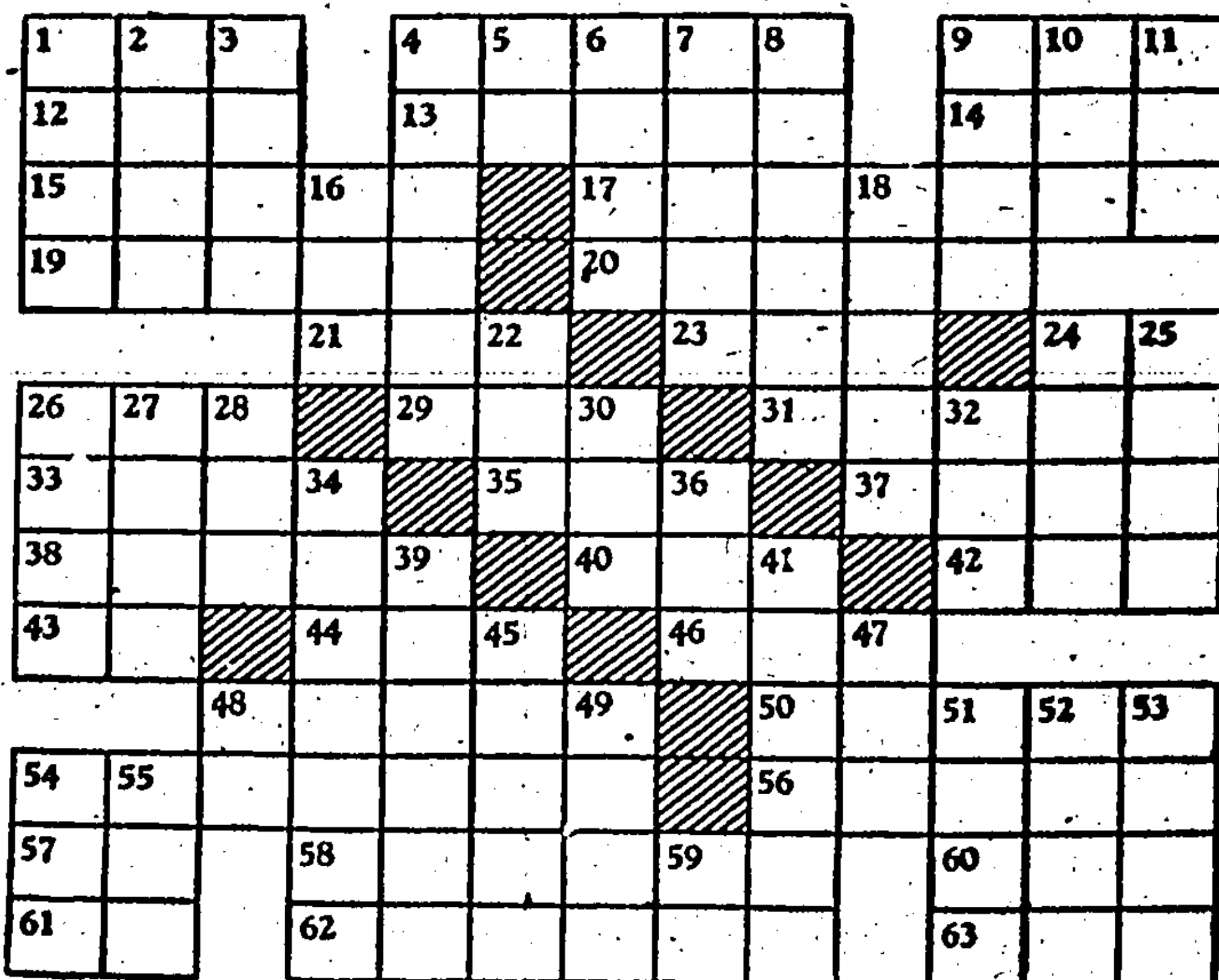
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- 4 African carnivore
- 9 To plant
- 12 Prior to
- 13 To anoint
- 14 Wing
- 15 To rule
- 17 European peninsula
- 19 Palm genus
- 20 Famous sheep
- 21 Nahoor
- 23 Moist
- 24 Periodic windstorm
- 26 Brown kiwi
- 29 Attention
- 31 Dangerous
- 33 Sacred bird
- 35 To low
- 37 South American armadillo
- 38 Large artery
- 40 French coin
- 42 Affirmative vote
- 43 Compass point
- 44 To request
- 45 Conjunction
- 48 Malicious burning

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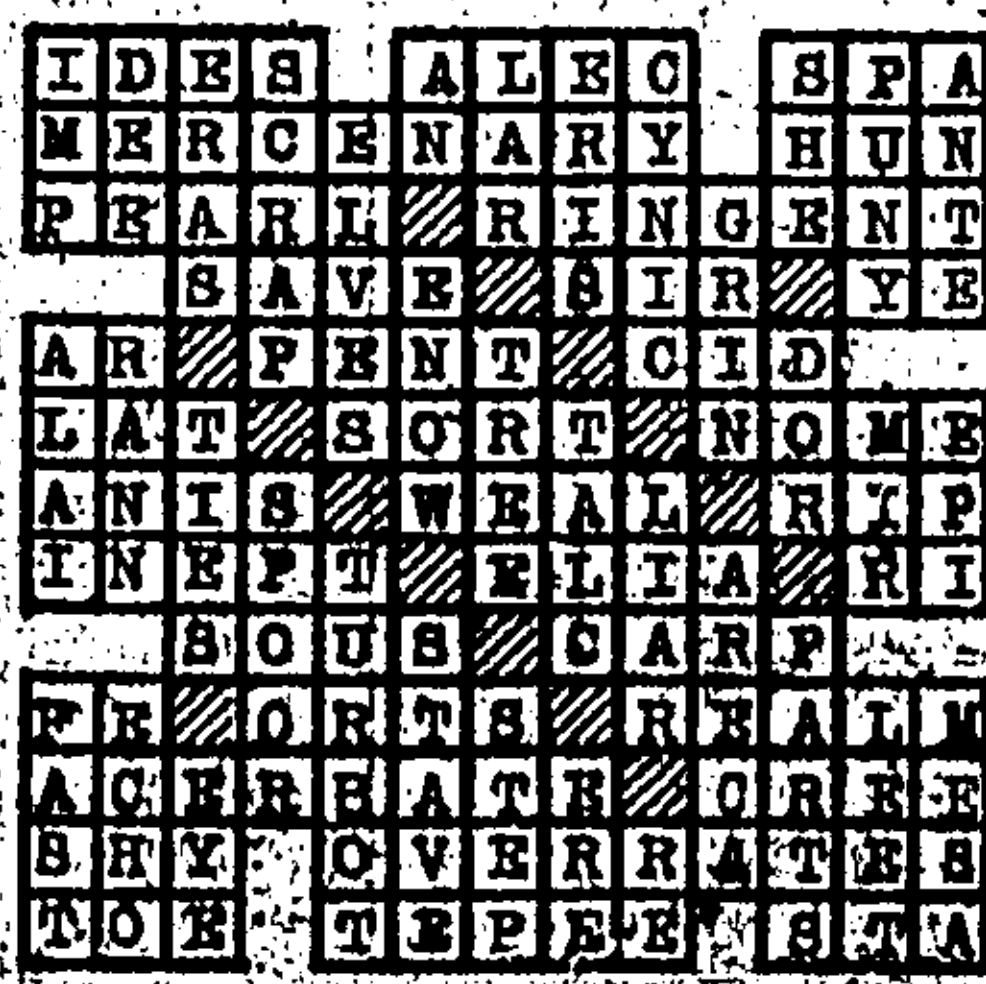
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- 16 Fuel
- 18 Networks
- 22 Dutch weight
- 24 Colloquial: fine
- 25 Ancient circuit court
- 26 Inlets
- 27 Wind instrument
- 28 Atmosphere
- 30 Fish eggs
- 32 Mineral spring
- 34 Began
- 36 South American tuber
- 39 To confirm
- 41 To enroll
- 45 Moslem scriptures
- 47 Lail
- 48 Article
- 49 Aerie
- 51 Southwest wind
- 52 Narrow opening
- 53 Soot from mercury extracting furnace
- 54 To irritate
- 55 Silkworm
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## SHIPPING ESCAPE

London, To-day.  
Asked in the Commons whether the  
numerous neutral and Dutch ships in  
Rotterdam harbour were evacuated in  
time not to fall into enemy hands,  
the Financial Secretary to the Ad-  
miralty said that while there was no  
direct British control over Dutch or  
neutral vessels, numerous ships sail-  
ed and were afforded every facility  
for reaching an Allied port.—British  
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of the civil defence system.—Reuter.



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### NOTICE

The MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th May, 1940.

## THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

# BAD YEAR FOR CHINA COAST SHIPPING

The difficulties of British shipping firms trading on the China Coast and inland waters during 1939 were stressed by Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held in Jardine's board room at noon to-day.

Directors supporting Mr. Paterson were Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. M. K. Lo. Mr. Paterson said:—

It is with much regret that your directors have to submit a comparatively poor report for 1939 though it confirms only too exactly the gloomy view taken by the chairman a year ago, one shared later by "Fair-play" if one may judge from an issue of last December.

The year began quite satisfactorily for our coasting service, considering the difficulties brought about by the undeclared war in China, but during March currency problems in North China gave business a serious set back. In other places the continued decline of the National Dollar necessarily meant a fall in the sterling value of our earnings at Chinese ports and you will appreciate that it isn't possible to make up the difference by a stroke of the pen.

With the return of neutral and Japanese tonnage which had left the field more or less to British vessels after hostilities broke out, keen competition was felt and to add to this the Japanese forces extended their blockade of the coast. The blockade of the Tientsin Concessions and the appalling floods there last summer will be fresh in your minds. In June, Swatow, one of our main ports of call, fell to the Japanese Navy and normal trading ceased; later British vessels were allowed to call once a week but only for passengers and to carry stores for the European community. Canton remains closed. It is not to be wondered at therefore that for several months in the middle of the year the company suffered serious losses.

The outbreak of the European War as might be supposed had a disturbing influence and it was not until November that the markets recovered and rates began to rise.

Altogether the difficulties of the year proved greater than ever for British shipowners on the coast.

Turning to our Sandakan trade, hostilities in China were felt here too and the results were again disappointing. The Hing-sang, to which reference was made last year, had given many years of useful service but was now past her economic life; rather than incur heavy and recurring expenditure she was sold for breaking up. It was necessary to replace her; as mentioned in the report a contract was signed before the outbreak of the European War with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company for a motor timber ship and with the heavy increase in building prices since then the company has made an excellent purchase.

### INDIA THE BACKBONE

On the Calcutta/Japan line conditions generally were poor for the first half of the year but improved later. The Indian end was the backbone of this service; the continued emigration restrictions in the Straits and the war in China again made heavy inroads in our native passenger business while exports from Japan declined.

The Company's Yangtze steamers and lighters, except for a few small craft which operated for part of the time on the upper reaches and in the Delta, were laid up throughout the year, for, as you know, the Yangtze is still closed. These river ships make up a third of our tonnage and their enforced idleness was a serious burden. It still is, and I cannot emphasize too strongly the heavy drain these idle vessels are on the revenue earning portion of the fleet, or will be on the rates which the Minister of Shipping may allow us, for he will consider only the Coast, Calcutta and Sandakan steamers. Unfortunately there can be no change for the better until the Yangtze is re-opened to unrestricted trading.

The Company has been singularly unfortunate on the Yangtze since hostilities broke out. Shareholders will recall the Wuhu bombing incident of December 1937 when Tuckwo and the bulk Madras were destroyed by Japanese action and while some claims have been met unofficial British ones still outstanding. To make matters worse the Upper River steamers Klawo and Hsin Changwo were set alight and burnt out during a Japanese air raid at Ichang on August 6, 1939 though lying in a neutral safety zone previously communicated to both combatants. I am very sorry to say that two of the Chinese crews were killed and others, including a European Officer, were wounded. Claims for this further damage have been submitted through our Consular Authorities.

### OFFICIAL AID

Before turning to other matters, the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. owes much to the Government of Hong Kong, the Royal Navy and to H.B.M.'s Embassy and British Consular Officials for the valuable help and co-operation always so readily placed at our disposal. If this help has been essential during recent years in China it has become doubly so since the outbreak of the European War and the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. is very grateful. It is also very grateful to the floating and shore staffs who have carried on with that loyalty and efficiency on which the company can invariably count in times of peace or moments of stress.

No new tonnage was added to the fleet during 1939 though, as I've said, a new Hing-sang is due at the end of the year, financed by a loan from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. No expenditure was incurred on her during 1939.

As mentioned in the report, Hing-sang, which was built at the beginning of the century and has passed her economic life, was sold to run elsewhere. New ships are still required to replace older ones but the financial future is so obscure that nothing more can be done just now. The seven modern passenger and cargo coasters we acquired in recent years have proved themselves most successful and we must depend on them to carry on for the moment.

The loan with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the four ships acquired two years ago was reduced from £2770,938.0d. on December 31, 1938 to £204,381.12.2d. a year later and since the beginning of 1940 it has been further reduced.

### SHIPS COMMANDEERED

Government has commandeered or requisitioned much British Shipping in the national interest. The first steps were taken with ships registered in the United Kingdom but last month we were notified by the Ministry of Shipping that our Calcutta and Coasting vessels, but not the Yangtze River Fleet, would be brought into the Liner Requisition Scheme from May 1. Requisition does not imply that our steamers will be withdrawn from their normal employment, though the Government has the power to do so whenever necessary; intention at the moment seems to be that the company will maintain its normal services but will run the steamers for Government account. In other words that for the duration of the war the main profits will go to the Ministry of Shipping. Some of you will recall the profits of the last war but conditions to-day are vastly different; then, the Company was permitted to retain the substantial earnings on its river ships with Blue Book rates on those requisitioned, today the river steamers are laid up—that third of our tonnage ready mentioned—and while we do not yet know what rate of hire and percentages for depreciation and profit the Minister may allow us on the other two-thirds which work for him, we do know that these incomes will have to face Yangtze expenses, a recurring charge and the debt to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Corporation for new tonnage as well.

I think it quite essential that the preferred cumulative dividend be kept from snowballing any further as already £178,000 stand between deferred shareholders and a dividend, for this reason I think one year's preferred interest must be paid but I don't see how we can do more. As usual, the directors have drawn no fees, they haven't since 1930 nor is anything held in suspense.

### NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING

When the Minister of Shipping tells us what we are about to receive shareholders will be advised. We negotiate just now.

I am sorry I can't give you more definite information to-day. I have only been able to give you some of the main items of expenditure. What we might hope to receive we can only guess at from data in Hansard and the shipping papers, "Fair-play" for instance.

Turning to the accounts themselves, the net balance of steamers' working account is shown in profit and loss account as £131,946.18.11d. and is £156,396.8.9d. less than in 1939. After providing £72,015.6.4d. for depreciation and £33,692.10.11. for all other liabilities there remains as credit of £26,239.1.8. With the credit balance of £20,051.14.0d. brought forward from 1938, transfer fees of £26.18.7d. and the net gain on units of £18,305.1.0d. the balance available in appropriation account is £94,623.7.3d. As I've said, the directors regret they cannot prudently recommend the payment of more than the preference dividend for 1937 absorbing £14,876.14.0d., they propose to transfer £20,000 to general reserve with £10,000 to special repairs and renewals and to carry forward to 1940 a balance of £19,746.13.3d.

Dealing with the balance sheet, the book value of steamships etc. has been reduced from £1,017,000 by £72,015.6.4d. for depreciation and the value of the two vessels sold £4,984.13.8d. and stands at the conservative figure of £940,000. I need say nothing about current assets beyond stating that £98,788.18.3d. for accounts receivable and agency balances has been accounted for since the end of the year. With reference to the liabilities, general reserve has been increased to £220,000 by transferring £20,000 from appropriation account and under unappropriated profits is shown the carry forward to 1940 of £19,746.13.3d. In contingency reserve payments amounting to £7,801.12.7d. were made during the year for special repairs and renewals and after transferring £10,000 from appropriation account this reserve stands at the slightly higher figure of £13,778.4.2d. Underwriting account at £37,358.11.9d. remains about the same as in 1938 and is considered sufficient to meet any accidents not covered by insurance. Current liabilities have fallen from £389,737.7.7d. to £293,817.2.16d. due chiefly to the reduction of £89,057.0.10d. in the loan from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and as already mentioned further re-payments have been made since the beginning of 1940. The contingent liability for cumulative preferred dividends from 1933 to 1939 inclusive still remains at £178,520.8.0d., your directors regret it has not been possible to reduce it.

With these remarks I have now to propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted; that a dividend of 6/- per share on the cumulative preferred ordinary shares for the year 1937 be paid; that £20,000 be transferred to general reserve; that £10,000 be transferred to reserve for special repairs and renewals; that £19,746.13.3d. be carried to next year's account, and that the dividend on shares on the Hong Kong Register be paid at the rate of 1/2% per dollar, being the T/T rate of exchange on December 31, 1939.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and without question. Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. M. K. Lo, retiring directors, were re-elected, while Messrs. John Fleming and A. Ritchie were appointed auditors for 1940 at a fee of \$8,000.

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# PREPARATION FOR EVEN WORSE NEWS SUGGESTED BY MR. HAROLD NICHOLSON

## TRADE BOYCOTT IN SHANTUNG

London, To-day.

Major-General Sir Alfred Knox inquired in the Commons yesterday whether the Government had received a report on the trade boycott against British goods carried on in Shantung, particularly in Tsinan and Tsingtao.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative, and added a report had been received confirming the existence of a committee for the enforcement of anti-British activities at Tsinan.

The committee was ostensibly a private organisation. It had been engaged in registering all stocks of British goods under the penalty of confiscation but it would seem that in

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
A WARNING TO EXPECT EVEN WORSE NEWS IN DAYS TO COME WAS GIVEN BY MR. HAROLD NICHOLSON, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, IN AN EMPIRE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Nicholson also said that by employing methods which did not exist in previous wars the Germans might be able to land in Britain some thousands of troops, but a virile, unbending race of 45,000,000 people would not let them remain on their shores for long.

"We must face the fact," he declared, "that the Germans may be able to reach a decision in Flanders but it won't be a final decision.

"The great armies of France are now massing on a defensive line to the south of the main battle area and are prepared to deny to the Germans that complete victory for which they had hoped.

"We know we shall be exposed to heavy bombardment from the air and we are not so foolish as to neglect our precautions against a possible invasion.

### Navy's Power

"Yet even the perfected organisation of the German land and air armies cannot detract from the fact that the British Navy exists and is to-day more powerful and efficient than ever in history.

"The whole country will rise as one man to resist an invasion, and whatever confusion or destruction may momentarily occur, the ultimate issue is beyond doubt.

"We conquered them once and we shall conquer them again."—Reuter.

A fine of \$100 was imposed by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning on Lam Kam-shing, 47, master of trading junk, No. T3563H, for unlawful possession of 42 sticks of dynamite and 50 detonators.

## AN OPEN MIND ON DEFECTION OF LEOPOLD

London, To-day.

NOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN time to reflect on King Leopold's decision there is more of a tendency to keep an open mind.

In Britain, there has been the advice of Mr. Churchill, Mr. Duff-Cooper and Admiral Roger Keyes to reserve judgment.

In the United States, the press comments on the struggle which must have taken place in King Leopold's mind before reaching his decision and recalls that he and the Belgian Army fought nobly for 18 days without respite.

The most noticeable effect has been the bracing of the Allied determination to fight on.

The British Ambassador to the United States perhaps best summed it up when he said:—

"There is no use denying that the fighting has gone worse. But we are going on, tails up!"

### FRENCH DISMAY

In France, where dismay was naturally greatest, it is pointed out that but for Allied fidelity we would have had in France ready means of stopping the enemy.

Writing in "Populaire," M. Blum says that but for our fidelity we should still have in our lines the British and French divisions who are still fighting on Belgian soil.

King Leopold does not speak for his people, M. Blum goes on, and this will be shown when the Belgian Parliament meets next Friday when it is expected to endorse the Belgian Government's decision to fight on.—Reuter.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. Silver was quoted at 22 spot and 21-1/2 forward.

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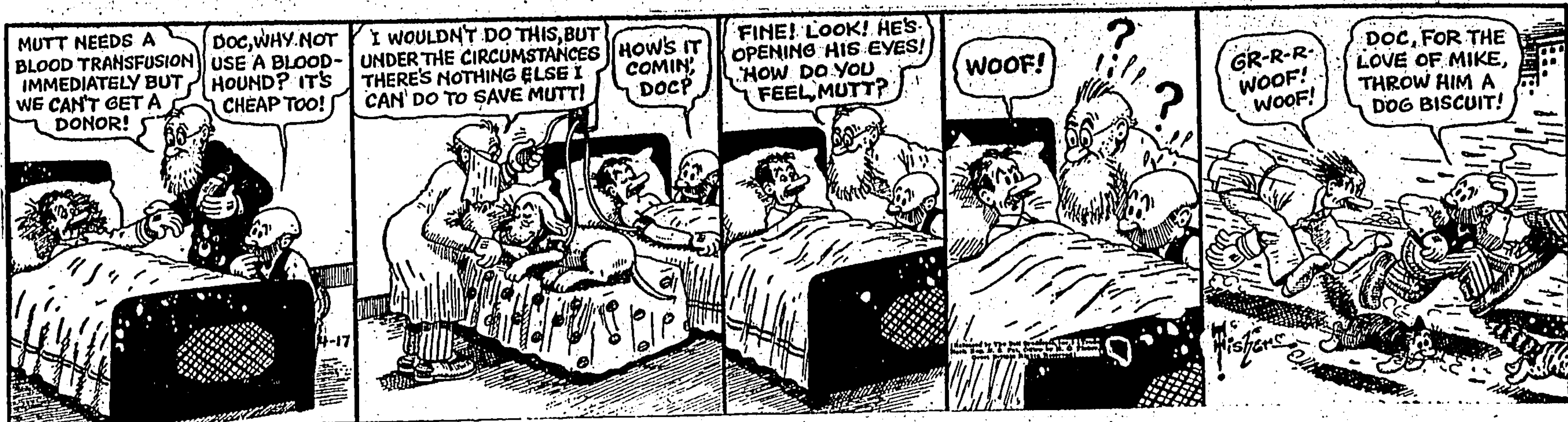
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## TO-DAY'S WIRELESS

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.  
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-  
tions.  
6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Weber.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Henry Croudson at the  
Organ.  
8.15 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay — "Vive la  
France".  
9.45 p.m.—Light French Programme.  
La Marseillaise; March Lorraine  
(Ganne)...La Garde Republi-  
caine Band.  
Le Chaland Qui Passe (Bixio);  
J'Aime Tes Grands Yeux (Bixio);  
...Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orch.  
J'Ai Connue De Vous (Trenet); Vous  
Oubliez Votre Cheval (Trenet-  
Arcady)... Charles Trenet (Vo-  
cal) with Orchestra.  
One-Step—Parade D'Oiseau; Valse  
Musette—Reve Secret... L'Accor-

## COCOA CROP DECISION

London, To-day.  
In reply to a Commons question, Mr.  
G. H. Hall, Under-Secretary for the  
Colonies, said it had been decided,  
after consultation with the Govern-  
ments of the Gold Coast and Nigeria,  
that the most economical procedure  
would be to destroy the mid-crop of  
cocoa as it is purchased.

The mid-crop is of inferior quality  
to the main crop, and even if it could  
be stored locally any attempt to dis-  
pose of it concurrently with the main  
crop later in the year would merely  
be postponing the difficulties.—Reu-  
ter.

deoniste Alexander et son Orch.  
Tant Qu'il y aura des étoiles (film  
'Au son des guitares')... Tino  
Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
10.15 p.m.—Latest Variety.  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

## CONTROL OF ALIENS TIGHTENED

London, To-day.

New orders have been is-  
sued controlling aliens. No  
adult over the age of 16 may  
have or control a bicycle,  
motor-vehicle, seagoing craft  
or aircraft without authority  
from the police.

The must stay at home between  
midnight and 6 a.m. in London and  
between 10.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. in  
other parts of the country, unless  
they have police permission.

From June 3, any alien with no  
settled residence must report to the  
police immediately. If he stays over-  
night in a private house, the occupant  
must report to the police.—Reuter.

## ANTI-GOSSIP CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

An anti-gossip and anti-  
rumour campaign is under  
way in Britain.

Typical of the stories it has to track  
down was a rumour that the Ger-  
man wireless has secret sources of  
information in England so that it can  
get intimate knowledge and advance  
news of items of local events.

The Ministry of Information states  
that a careful scrutiny of the broad-  
casts disproves this. There may be  
a simple explanation of why items  
are sometimes broadcast in Berlin  
before they are released here.

Information is issued in London in  
the evening for the use of the morn-  
ing press next day. This may be  
telegraphed by a neutral correspon-  
dent and can reach Berlin in time for  
the midnight newscast.

If the Germans had, in fact, private  
sources of news, they were not likely  
to advertise it.—Reuter.



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### DOUBTFUL DOUBLE

At the conclusion of the hand on  
which South made four hearts doubled,  
both of his opponents agreed that East  
was quite correct in doubling. East  
had passed a rather good hand and  
West had shown some strength by put-  
ting in a two diamond overcall, but  
in order to judge East's double fairly,  
let us observe how it affected South's  
play of the hand.

West, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 6 2  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ Q 9 4 2  
♠ Q 10 8  
♥ 4  
♦ K Q J 10  
♣ 8 7  
♠ J 7 3  
♠ 7 4  
♥ A 10 8 6 3  
♦ 3  
♣ A K 10 8 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♦	4♥
Pass	Pass	Db.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds  
and continued, South trumping the  
second round.

HIGH CARD VALUES  
OF THE  
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM

ACE 3  
KING 2  
QUEEN 1  
JACK 1

TOTAL VALUE OF HAND  
AVERAGE HAND 15.5

King and the Queen of hearts was  
then played. When East ducked South  
of course finessed and another trump

lead through East gave South the re-  
maining tricks for his doubled con-  
tract.

Was East correct in doubling four  
hearts?

Of course not. His double simply  
told South where all the important  
high cards were located. In other  
words, East's double was a "giveaway,"  
for without it we doubt very much if  
South would have guessed everything  
correctly. Finally, in spite of South's  
fine play, East could have defeated the  
contract by leading a third round of  
diamonds.

Yesterday you were David Bruce  
Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ A Q x x  
♥ —  
♦ K Q x x  
♣ K 10 x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone Jacoby You  
1♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three  
clubs. This hand is obviously in the  
slam zone.

Score three clubs, 100%, two spades  
80% (it is preferable to force in your  
longer suit), three diamonds 60% (al-  
though this bid is a force it is highly  
inadvisable.)

QUESTION NO. 423

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's  
partner and hold:

♠ Q J x  
♥ K x  
♦ A J 9 x x  
♣ Q 10 x

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You  
1♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer  
tomorrow.)

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## HIGHER PAY IN AGRICULTURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR  
SPEEDING UP HOME AGRICUL-  
TURAL PRODUCTION ARE NOW  
UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
WAR CABINET, SAYS REUTER'S  
LOBBY CORRESPONDENT.

It is expected farm workers will be  
given a minimum weekly wage of 48/-  
and, to enable farmers to meet the  
extra cost, Government will fix higher  
prices for most farm produce, especial-  
ly wheat.

It is also proposed that every  
available acre of land will be put  
into full production, and an order  
be issued to give compulsory pow-  
ers to the Government, to be used  
in cases where maximum produc-  
tion is not forthcoming.

There is also likely to be an im-  
mediate comb-out of skilled land-  
workers from general industry. It is

## EGYPT TO STAMP OUT FIFTH COLUMN

Cairo, To-day.

The Military Governor of Alexan-  
dria yesterday issued an order forbid-  
ding under heavy penalties the own-  
ers of cafes, restaurants and other  
catering establishments to tune in to  
foreign news emissions in Arabic, on  
the ground that they are propagating  
false news.

A countrywide search for arms be-  
gan on Monday when a number of  
schools and private residences be-  
longing to people of various national-  
ities, including Anglo-Egyptians, were  
examined, resulting in the seizure of  
a number of revolvers and daggers by  
the police.

Armourers' shops have been sealed.  
—Reuter.

believed compulsion will be used if  
necessary.

Special attention is also being given  
to supplies of feeding-stuffs for live-  
stock.—Reuter.



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# THRILLING BASKETBALL

By "Sportshawk"

After being led by five points (20-15) at the end of the first half, "Sin Tao Jih Pao" gradually settled down and, in the last 10 minutes, beat the Canton University quintette by 37 points to 30 in "A" Division of the All-Chinese Colony Basketball League, in a match played before a large crowd at H.K. Chinese Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night.

The game throughout was packed with thrills and was very entertaining.

The winners are now level with the Y.M.C.A. team at the top of the League table.

"Sin Tao" started poorly and were outclassed by the undergraduates, who, for the greater part of the match, were definitely at the top of their form.

The undergraduates showed better combination and individual skill but lacked weight.

## WRONG TACTICS

If had they employed similar tactic to their opponents and had been continually reinforced by their reserves, the undergraduates might have won the match as they were generally the better team. They only changed one

## SCORES AT A GLANCE

"A" DIVISION			
"Sin Tao Jih Pao"	Canton University	37	30
"B" DIVISION			
Nanyang Commercial College	Postal Bank	43	24
National Club	Ching Lai Club	45	40

player throughout the game, while, on the other hand the winners made replacements on no fewer than five occasions.

Li Pui-chack, centre-forward, was largely responsible for the victory of "Sin Tao."

His powerful distance shooting was the best feature of the night's exhibition.

He scored six goals and one foul goal (13 points) for his side; all the goals he scored were the result of his powerful and clean shot from the mid-field line. His partner Lo Chan-hun, also secured 10 points for his side besides being indirectly responsible for the opening of his team's score.

However, the others, including the guards, were rather disappointing and were much weaker than their opponents, who marked and attacked better.

For the losers Ng Sun-chau and Lo Doon were very impressive in attack; particularly the former who worked very hard and shot nicely from every position. Their guards also kept very close check on the winning attackers, who were not given much scope.

## FIRST BLOOD

The undergraduates drew first blood through Lo Doon from a clean shot only about a second from the start, but the score was equalised by Li Pui-chack. Ng Sun-chau, for the losers, however, again scored and the lead was gradually increased to 20-15 by the end of the first period.

However, the winners, gradually settled down and almost levelled at 24-23. They then took the lead at 25-24 and, within the last five minutes, added a further four goals to win 37-30.

## Other Matches

At the same Gymnasium last night, Nanyang Commercial College and National Club defeated Postal Bank and Ching Lai Club by 43 points to 24 and

## LEAGUE TENNIS

# HUSSAINS WIN THREE SETS WITHOUT THE LOSS OF A GAME

DAMP SLIPPERY COURTS notwithstanding, two matches in "C" Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday.

At King's Park, Police, again without B. C. Fay, were quite unable to deal with the Hussain brothers, who did not drop a game in the course of the afternoon, and were never in the picture against K.I.T.C., while at Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club, leading 4-2 at the end of the second round, were only able to draw with Recreio "B."

In the former match, as the scores would indicate, the Hussain brothers were in a class by themselves and although Pile and Brown and Baker and Howlett played well enough against the other pairs, against the Hussains they were completely demoralised.

Showing fine combination and power off the ground, the Hussains played first-class tennis to retain their unbeaten record in this division.

The other K.I.T.C. pairs were steady to the point of monotony and appeared quite unable to produce winning shots. On paper the strongest pair, Pile and Brown were disappointing. Pile played well enough, using an accurate forehand drive to some effect, but although Brown has the strokes, his knowledge of positional play is scanty and he frequently left huge gaps in the partnership by being on the wrong side of the court.

Baker was very steady in all departments but Howlett was off form.

## Fail On Post

With A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth managing to win only one set, Kowloon Cricket Club were only able to draw with Recreio "B" after having established a winning lead of 4-2.

Neither Fisher nor Blyth were able to find their touch in the early stages and although they improved somewhat latterly, they were still below their usual form.

Zulauf and Lee, despite a good display by the former, were held to draws by two pairs, while Hung and Anderson dropped a set and a half.

Hung was steady and scored some good points with a cross-court volley, but Anderson, although he pulled out some brilliant shots, was generally erratic.

The Recreio team were well balanced and all pairs did their share. The Gosano brothers, playing together for the first time, looked promising, and there is little doubt that Zinho, provided he keeps at the game, will make a good player; he makes his strokes naturally.

Fonseca gave a "Bounding Basque" exhibition and covered an amazing amount of ground but Soares had an off day, while Alves and Noronha were steady without being brilliant.

K.I.T.C. v H.K.P.S.C. at King's Park.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat Brown and Pile 6-0  
beat Howlett and Baker 6-0  
beat Smith and Morrison 6-0

45 points to 40 respectively in the "B" Division matches.

"SIN TAO JIH PAO"			
	Goals	Fouls	No. of
Li Pui-chack	6	1	4
Lo Chan-hun	4	2	3
Tai Fook-sing	3	0	3
Sun Chun-keen	1	1	2
Wong Chen-ming	2	1	3
Poon Yau-kuen	0	0	0
Leung Kwok-doo	0	0	0
Chan Sze-pun	0	0	3
Total Points	16	5	37

"CANTON UNIVERSITY"			
	Goals	Fouls	No. of
Chan Sau-look	2	2	1
Ng Sun-chau	4	2	3
Lo Doon	5	0	1
Lee Chun-sing	0	0	0
Leung Kwong-kuen	0	1	2
Chan Chen-tu	0	3	2
Total Points	11	5	30

F. Khan and M. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat Brown and Pile 7-5  
drew with Howlett and Baker 6-6  
beat Smith and Morrison 6-2  
M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.) lost to Brown and Pile 3-6  
lost to Howlett and Baker 4-6  
beat Smith and Morrison 6-0

K.C.C. v RECREIO  
K.C.C. drew with Recreio "B" by 4½ to 4½.

E. Zulauf and R. Lee (K.C.C.) drew with J. C. Fonseca and R. M. Soares 6-6  
drew with L. G. and Z. M. Gosano 6-6  
beat A. M. Alves and A. E. Noronha 6-1  
P. Winter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Fonseca and Soares 6-1  
lost to Gosanos 3-6  
lost to Alves and Noronha 4-6  
J. L. Anderson and D. Hung (K.C.C.) drew with Fonseca and Soares 6-6  
beat Gosanos 7-5  
lost to Alves and Noronha 2-6

## LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.I.T.C.	3	3	0	0	22	5	6
H.K.P.S.C.	3	2	0	1	17	10	4
K.C.C.	3	1	1	1	14½	12½	3
C.D.R. "B"	3	1	1	1	14½	12½	3
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	8	1	2
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	7½	1½	2
C.D.R. "A"	1	1	0	0	6½	2½	2
K.T.G.C.A.	2	1	0	1	7½	10½	2
A.T.C.	1	0	0	1	2½	6½	0
H.K.U.T.C.	2	0	0	2	4	14	0
C.B.A.	2	0	0	2	4	14	0
J.R.C.	2	0	0	2	0	18	0

## To-day's Matches

The following is to-day's League tennis programme. The match between South China and Chinese Recreation Club "B" has been postponed, owing to the unfit condition of South China's ground.

C.R.C. "A" v C.C.C.  
F.C. v C.B.A.  
K.I.T.C. v I.R.C.  
Filipino Club: F. Gonzales and H. A. Ribeiro; H. Souza and R. Banker; L. R. Ildefonso and A. Kwan.  
C.B.A.: T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond; E. Bull and M. Dunne; C. Semmlmann and another.

# "D" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are "D" Division League tennis pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
G. Gillard and E. Eymard (K.C.C.)	6	1	5
Y. Y. Lam and S. Cheung (C.R.C. "B")	3	0	3
K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
K. Sung and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau (C.R.C. "A")	3	0	3
P. H. Chiu and K. N. Lee (C.R.C. "A")	3	0	3
S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.)	6	3	3
C. W. Chu and C. N. Chang (C.R.C. "B")	3	½	2½
C. S. Wong and C. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	3	½	2½
H. W. Crabb and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
Y. Y. Lam and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
Y. Chan and C. Y. Tao (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
L. Hon and K. M. Wong (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	3	1	2
Jahan Dad and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	3	1	2
S. A. R. Bux and K. M. Rum-jahn (I.R.C.)	3	1	2
A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmar (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
L. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. B. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
L. Jack and A. E. Perry			

# STRICTER CONTROL FOR TOURING TEAMS

The following has been received from the Football Association of Malaya, a copy of which has also been received by the Hong Kong Football Association, in connection with tours by football teams to Malaya.

It is interesting to note that if all the Associations, written to, agree, touring teams affiliated to the governing body in any locality will first have to receive permission from the port that they intend visiting before their own Association will give them permission.

"I am directed to bring to your notice the fact that recently a number of Tours by Teams from neighbouring Countries have been made in Malaya.

Several of these tours were unauthorised by the Ruling Football Authorities of the countries concerned, and my Association desires to point out the desirability for stricter regulation of such undertakings for our mutual protection and benefit.

It is stressed that authorised tours may do a great deal of harm—they are potential sources of professionalism, and altogether are to be deprecated in any locality where there is an Association in control of football.

Some of the Affiliates of my Association have already decided that for an affiliated Team to undertake an unauthorised tour constitutes an offence under their regulations.

My Association is now instituting regulations for the control of foreign tours by its Affiliates, and of tours in Malaya by teams from neighbouring countries. To this end, I am to say that authority will not be given by this Association to any of its Affiliates to tour in your territory unless a written permission is first received from you. May I request that your Association will reciprocate in like manner with regard to any suggested tours in Malaya by teams from your territory."

(Sgd. W. W. Dean)

The above has been sent to practically all the Football Associations of the Far East and the newspapers of Malaya, and among these are the Football Associations of Kedah, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Johore, Singapore, Calcutta, Burma, Hong Kong, Saigon, Phnom-Penh, Hanoi, Shanghai, Tokyo, Batavia, Manila, Thailand, Sumatra, Medan and to the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation (Shanghai).

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.  
The following were the results of football matches played.

SOUTHERN "D"		
Crystal P.	2	Watford 1
Reading	2	Norwich 1
EAST MIDLANDS		
Chesterfield	6	Notts. F. 1
NORTH EASTERN		
Newcastle	6	Halifax 1
NORTH WESTERN		
Accrington	1	Burnley 2
WESTERN		
Liverpool	8	Tranmere 3
Stockport	1	Everton 2
GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL		
Rangers (one goal and 7 corners beat Clyde (one goal and two corners.—Reuter.		

	P.	L.	W.
(K.C.C.)	3	2	1
K. M. Wong and C. F. Tao (C.R.C. "B")	3	2	1
G. Singh and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2	1
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. T. Chau and T. C. Yuen (C.R.C. "A")	3	2	1
E. Bull and M. Dunne (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
A. Semmlmann and K. O. Morsey (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
M. Singh and A. Razan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2½	½
M. C. Hung and A. Hung (C.C.C.)	3	2½	½
S. A. Cassumbhoy and P. C. Yue (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
N. L. Leonard and S. L. Leon-ard (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
Au Kam-moon and Lee Chee-man (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
G. Souza and W. Chai (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
M. A. Wahab and M. F. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	3	3	0



# EASTERN RATHER FORTUNATE TO WIN FIRST MATCH

Manila, Saturday.

THE EASTERN CHINESE Athletic Association eleven last night handed the Philippine selection a 4 to 3 drubbing in the opening game of the special two-game series here. The game was played under the rain at the Rizal Memorial Track-Football Stadium, but the rainsoaked field and a slippery ball failed to slow up either team as they fought hard throughout.

The drizzle kept away the bulk of the big crowd anticipated for last night's game, only about 2,000 fans being in attendance. The bleachers were practically empty with the ex-

ception of about 30 fans who utilized umbrellas and rain-coats.

Last night's game was evenly fought, but the visitors had the most breaks and won. Coach Chito Calvo's wards had tough luck and missed shot after shot by inches.

Hau Ching-to, outside left, and Chan Kam-hol, inside right, booted in the four of the visitors' goals. They scored one each in the first half to give their team a 2-0 lead and came through with big plays in the second period to clinch the game. For the P. I. selection, Alberto Larrazabal, playing centre forward, scored all three goals.

The first two goals of the visitors came in the last seven minutes of play in the first half. Hau Ching-to received a pass from Hsu Man-fu, centre forward, from the right wing and scored when Goalkeeper Eddie Llamas dropped the slippery ball after catching it. Chan Kam-hol tallied a few minutes before the half time whistle. He received a pass from the left wing and butted it in from the 20-yard area. The half ended, 2-0, in favour of the Chinese.

Midway in the second half, Hau Ching-to scored on a long shot. Goalie Llamas caught the ball but again it slipped through his hands. Chan Kam-hol made it, 4-2, after 22 minutes of play in the period when he scored with ease from about two yards from the goal. In the last five minutes of play, Larrazabal kicked in his third goal to make the final count, 4-3. "Manila Bulletin."

## LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been selected to represent Civil Service Cricket Club in League lawn bowls matches on Saturday:—

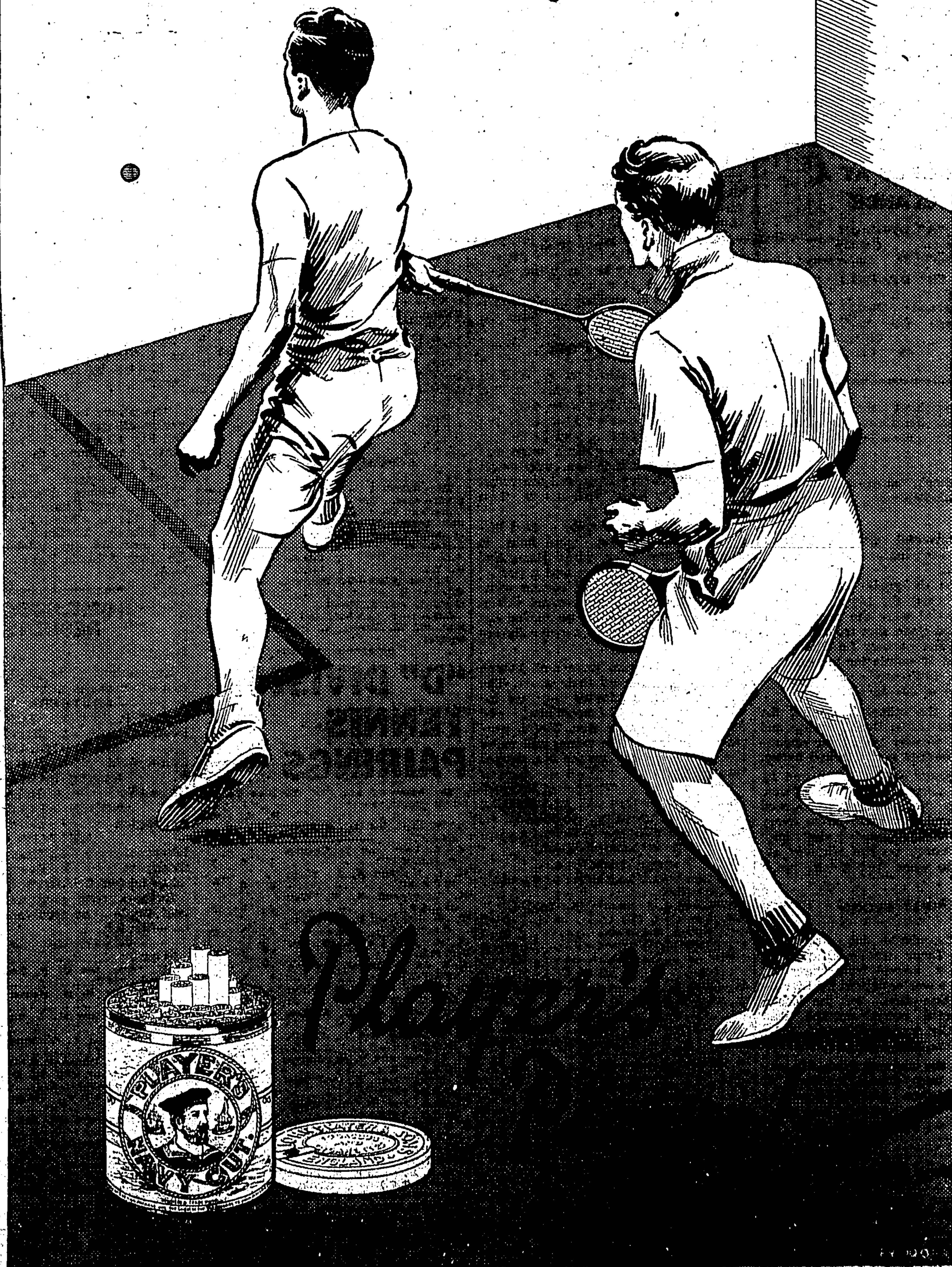
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## PUBLIC AUCTION

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS**  
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2798	Lion Rock Road, North of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2725.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 7,200	\$82	\$3,500
			As per sale plan						



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2797	Junction of Un Chan Street, & Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 12,800	\$178	\$12,800
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Rural Building Lot No. 437.	Middle Gap Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 16,700	\$182	\$2,004
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2798	Junction of Castle Peak Road & Tsimshui Street, Shamshuipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 8,050	\$110	\$10,063
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## SHANGHAI TRAGEDY

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.  
MRS. CHARLES CHEGWIDDEN, 50, DIED IN HOSPITAL EARLY TO-DAY WHEN TOLD THAT HER 60-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND HAD BEEN KILLED BY TWO CHINESE ROBBERS IN THEIR HOME IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT ON TUESDAY.

Mrs. Chegwidden had been suffering from a stomach ailment for a fortnight.

Mr. Chegwidden was suffocated when bound and gagged by gunmen who got no loot and escaped when neighbours raised the alarm. He died en route to hospital. Chegwidden had been convalescing after a recent illness.—Reuter.

## S. AMERICA AND LEOPOLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Residing in Paris since the German invasion of Belgium, the diplomatic representatives of Latin-America, Japan, Turkey and Egypt in Brussels held a conference yesterday under the chairmanship of the Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Carlos Martins Pereira, and studied the situation arising from Leopold's surrender.

The meeting agreed to await further clarification of the situation before taking any action.—Havas.

## BELGIAN PARLIAMENT TO MEET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Belgian Parliament will meet "somewhere in France" on Friday to confirm the Belgian Cabinet's attitude.—Havas.

## SNUB TO BRITAIN, SAYS TASS AGENCY

London, To-day.

According to an authorised statement issued by Tass, the Russian news agency, the Soviet Government has instructed its Ambassador in London to inform the British Government they are unable to receive Sir Stafford Cripps or anyone else in the capacity of special or extraordinary delegate.

The statement adds that if Britain really wants to conduct trade talks with the Soviet, it can do so through its Ambassador in Moscow or someone taking his place.—Reuter.

## SYNTHETIC OIL PLAN FOR MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mukden, To-day.

The production of synthetic oil from coal will be launched in the Fushun mines early next year, Mr. Makoto Kubo, director of the South Manchurian Railway, stated on his return from Hsinking yesterday.

During his stay in Hsinking he negotiated with the Manchukuo Government about large-scale production of oil by coal liquefaction.—Havas.

## SECURITY OF HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

The Speaker announced in the Commons yesterday it was considered necessary to bring into effect special security arrangements for the Palace of Westminster. Permanent passes would be issued after noon to-day for all Members of Parliament, officers of the House and other persons having regular employment or business in the House.—Reuter.

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The age-limit in the volunteer defence corps has been raised from 41 to 46 years, the key-post group is to be severely pruned, all members of the key-post group are to undergo military training, while a "Home Guard" of older men to guard vital centres is to be formed, announced Major-General A. E. Grasett, G.O.C., in the Legislative Council this afternoon.

He felt sure that Council members would not expect him to express any opinion on the situation in Europe, the G.O.C. began. They all realised its gravity and that it would require an immense effort to defeat our enemies.

The situation may deteriorate more before it improves, but we know where we are and what task lies ahead of us, and we also know that the British and French nations are at their best when up against it.

"I feel sure Honourable Members will agree that here in Hong Kong it would be prudent for us to examine with care our own arrangements for the protection of the Colony in the light of the experience gained elsewhere in the last few weeks.

"Many young men are anxious to go home at once and fight. The general desire among the British and Chinese in this Colony is to do everything in their power to help the cause of the Allies."

To those who want to go home and take an active part in the war, he wanted to make it clear that the present policy of the Government is contained in orders which he has received from the War Office—all the resources of Hong Kong must be retained here for its defence.

"I am not allowed to send anyone home or grant leave to any member of the volunteer defence corps except on medical grounds. Therefore, for the present, there can be no question of permitting anyone to go home and fight. I know this will disappoint many but it may be that the policy will be changed and volunteers will be called for to go home."

In any case, it is important everyone should train and fit themselves for whatever may come.

Discussing further measures considered necessary for the defence of the Colony, the G.O.C. said that the age limit for service in the combatant group of the volunteer defence corps will be raised from 41 to 46 years. Key-post and essential services groups will be reviewed and all those at present in those groups who are not obviously required to remain in their civilian operations in a serious emergency will be transferred to the combatant group.

"The present key-post group is far too large."

He felt sure members would agree that an individual should only be classed in this group if, for reasons of defence, he must remain in an emergency in his civilian occupation.

"All members of the key-post group will be required to undergo military training." This is so that they can be ready if the need arises to protect the places of their employment.

There must also be a guard against sabotage. There are a number of men over military age who are anxious to give their services to help in the security of the Colony. It is proposed to call for volunteers from those who, for reasons of age, are unable to play an active part but who are prepared and capable of undertaking security guard duties at vulnerable points.

Mr. A. H. Hughes has consented to organize this unit, which will form an auxiliary part of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. An appeal for volunteers will be made shortly. Members of this group will only be re-

quired to carry out sufficient training to enable them to perform their duties.

The G.O.C. hoped the Council would appreciate the need for these measures and that they are prudent and necessary. They had ample evidence of German methods and activity and it is necessary to take all possible steps to apply here the lessons of the past few months.

"Just before lunch to-day I had a telegram from the War Office and in my opinion the news is better than it has been for the last few days. The situation is, of course, still grave but it is more reassuring than, in my opinion, it has been."

"I also had telegrams last night from Tientsin and Shanghai in which it was clear that the Germans in both places are spreading rumours of the most alarming nature about the events in Europe. The reasons for that are obvious."

It forms part of the propaganda and war effort aimed at alarming and dismaying the Allies and the neutrals.

"I am sure Honourable Members will agree with me that we must be on guard against these rumours, and I have every hope that those who are in a position to exercise any control over information which is spread abroad will do their utmost, without disguising the facts or in any way withholding the truth, will recognise these for what they are, false propaganda."

London, To-day.

The "Daily Herald" says the heroism of the B.E.F. is saluted even by the Germans. With them let us remember that fully as many French are fighting with equal gallantry. Whatever their fate they have achieved not only everlasting honour but solid military results. They have inflicted enormous losses on the enemy and have shown the world that man for man and weapon for weapon the British soldier can still fight better than the German.

The "Daily Express" emphasises that the British and French troops are fighting with their backs to the wall together and the British and French navies are hazarding all risks to ensure their supplies.

"The Times," commenting on the appointment of Seyss-Inquart as Nazi civil governor of Holland, says that stripped of its fine phrases the proclamation means that whatever the Nazi masters can lay their hands on in Holland will be exploited for the benefit of the Reich.—Reuter.

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